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Unionists make extra demands

Brooke's Ulster initiative on brink of failure

By Tim Jones

PETER Brooke's initiative on the political future of Northern Ireland was on the verge of collapse last night after three days of negotiation failed even to produce agreement on where to hold talks with the Irish government.

The Northern Ireland secretary has told leaders of the four main parties in the province to take the weekend to reflect on their positions. He hinted that if the impasse could not be broken, he might suspend the initiative. "We need to reach a resolution of this," he said. "If we can't, we would need to pause."

Mr Brooke, clearly frustrated by the deadlock, admitted as he left the Stormont building in Belfast last night that he may have overestimated the flexibility of those involved. It also emerged that other serious issues had suddenly been raised, making the prospect of success even more remote.

Brooke: months of patient bridge-building

"It may have been been that I misread the situation as involving slightly more flexibility than there was," he said. "Equally, there were other issues that nobody raised in the course of the negotiations up until now upon which people now want to have some answers. I would much rather that we tied up loose ends before we move forward."

Unionist leaders are believed to be demanding that the Irish government should make a firm commitment to drop its territorial claim to the province before they would be prepared to travel to Dublin for the second stage of the talks. Such a condition would cause profound political difficulties for the Irish government.

For the past three days, the Unionists have been insisting that the second phase of the talks — which will involve the Dublin government — should be held in London. Leaders of the predominantly Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party have been equally adamant that the talks should take place on the island of Ireland. Suggestions by the Unionists, supported by some church leaders, that the talks could take place on the continent have been dismissed as impracticable.

Mr Brooke said people were frustrated because they had been encouraged by the fact that people were ready to sit down. The initiative envisages bringing the four parties in Northern Ireland together for the first time in 16 years. He added: "I myself sense that because it is as important as it is we may be able to find a way through."

He declined to give any indication of what the new issues were other than to say it would be "totally inappropriate" for him to take a decision without first consulting Dublin. Mr Brooke will today meet Gerard Collins, the Irish foreign minister, in London.

Mr Brooke made clear it would have been far more agreeable if the all-party talks had taken place as planned, although he considered it better that before they did so all loose ends were tied up. Significantly, he spoke only about the parties meeting "in principle" in Belfast on Monday. By then, they will have lost a week out of the ten-week timetable set for the initiative.

● Danny Morrison, former publicity director for Sinn Fein, was jailed for eight years at Belfast Crown Court yesterday. Morrison, 38, who up to the time of his arrest 16 months ago was one of the best-known figures in Ireland's republican network, was sentenced for his part in the false imprisonment of self-confessed police informer Alexander Lynch.

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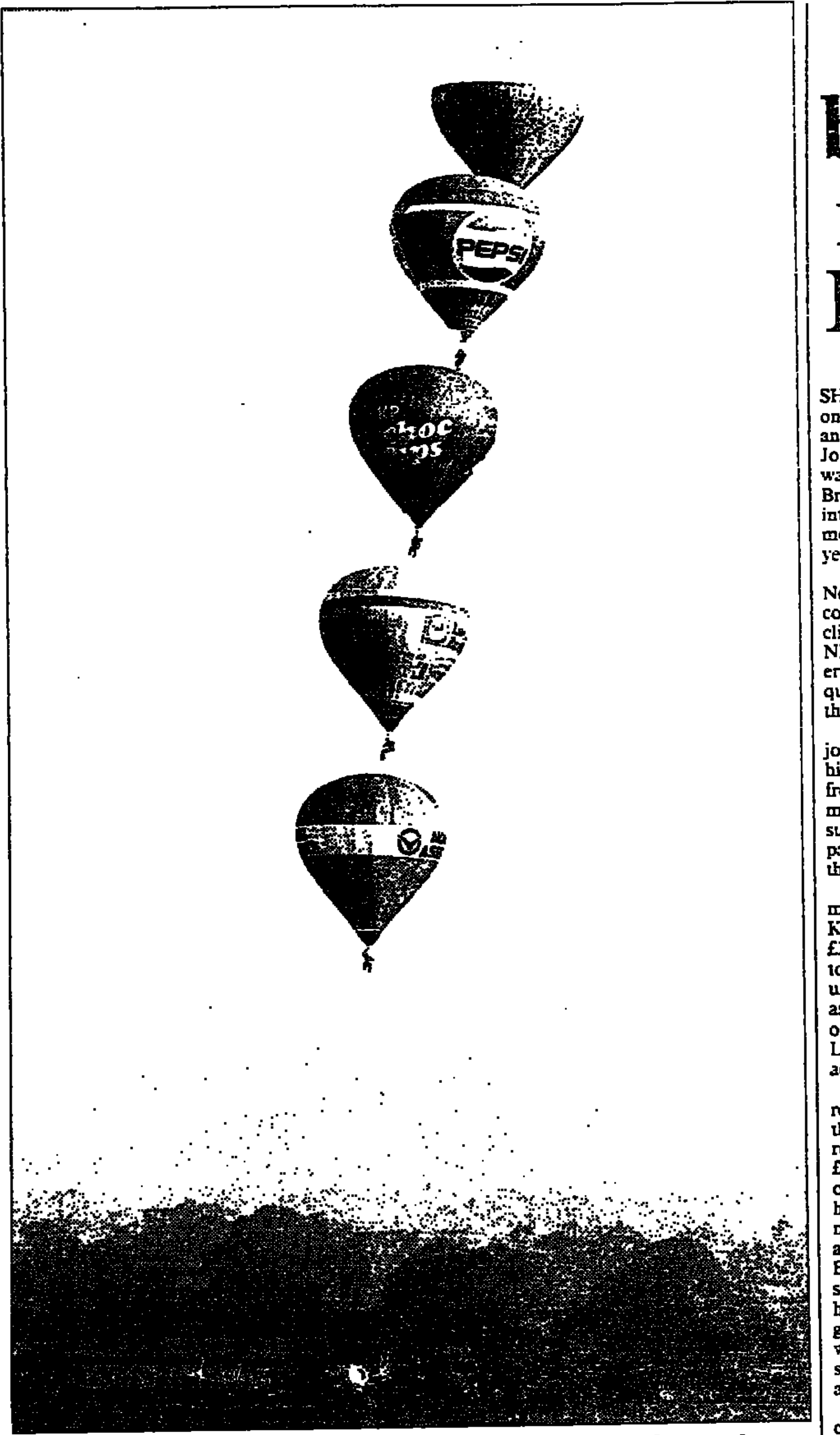
Flight of fancy: hot air balloonists soaring into the world record books yesterday over Halfpenny Green airfield, Shropshire. The team successfully stacked five balloons in mid-air for a minute and a half, beating their unofficial record of four

Major will bring forward meeting with BMA leaders

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

SHARP Commons exchanges on health and public spending and an announcement that John Major had brought forward a meeting with the British Medical Association intensified the growing atmosphere of electioneering yesterday.

Mr Major denied claims by Neil Kinnock that commercial considerations had replaced clinical need as the basis for NHS operations and that government policies had made queue-jumping the order of the day in a two-tier system.

However, news of Mr Major's decision to bring forward his meeting with the BMA from the autumn to next month reflects the growing success of the Labour campaign to bring health issues to the fore.

In the Commons the prime minister scoffed at Mr Kinnock's plans for an extra £20 billion of social spending to be financed from growth under a Labour government as "sheer wish fantasy", while other ministers argued that Labour's arithmetic did not add up.

David Mellor, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that the government had already provided for an extra £26 billion of social spending over the next two years and had allowed for growth of more than the 2.5 per cent assumed by Labour in that. Either Labour intended to spend less on areas like the health service than the Tory government was doing or it was planning a vast increase in spending which could be financed only by greater taxation.

While John Cope, a deputy chairman of the Tory party, said that a June election was still a possibility with all options still open, senior ministers were once again talking down the prospects of a June contest with John MacGregor, the leader of the Commons, saying that it was "highly unlikely". Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, suggested at the Scottish Tory conference in Perth that people still needed "a bit of persuading" that the economy was recovering.

News that the prime minister has accelerated a drive to improve the quality of public services was seen as further evidence of Tory plans being aimed at an October contest.

Mr Major's plan for a "citizens' charter", outlined in a speech six weeks ago, will take shape as a government white paper in the summer, with a view to autumn legislation.

Proposals being coordinated by the Downing Street policy unit include incentive payments for council staff and other public sector workers whose work attracts fewer complaints than the average. Also in mind are compensation payments for commuters whose trains are late or customers of public utilities whose repairs are slow.

In bitter Commons exchanges yesterday Mr Major derided Labour's plans for an extra £20 billion growth dividend to be injected into public services. He called it "spending they could never deliver out of growth they have never previously produced". Mr Major said that Labour's tax policies would penalise people earning £20,000 a year who could not be called rich.

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Townships riven by fighting

From Gavin Bell
in Johannesburg

THOUSANDS of black South Africans fought pitched battles outside Johannesburg last night as urgent talks between the government and the African National Congress failed to resolve the issue of Zulu supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party bearing "cultural weapons" in black townships riven by violence.

President de Klerk, in a statement after a six-hour meeting on Wednesday with Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, said that broad consensus had been

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Baghdad rejects UN force as talks begin

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

PRESIDENT Bush began a long meeting with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, in Washington yesterday amid signs of increasing military tension in northern Iraq — and with Baghdad firmly rejecting the idea of a UN police force replacing allied troops in that area.

US officials disclosed that there had been five cases of Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery firing at American aircraft in recent days, and that the Iraqi military presence in Dahuk was being "beefed up". Allied military commanders see the expansion of the safety zone into that provincial capital as essential if Kurdish refugees are to be coaxed down from the mountains, and are awaiting orders from Washington to enter the city.

Whether those orders would be given seemed likely to depend on yesterday's White House meeting, at which Mr Bush hoped finally to agree ways in which the UN could take on responsibility for the care and protection of the Kurds inside the safety zone. Fearful of being sucked ever deeper into an Iraqi "quagmire", Mr Bush is anxious to withdraw all US forces as soon as possible.

A senior administration official said before the meeting that the US understood Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's objections to sending a UN military peacekeeping force into a country without the host government's agreement. But he said the administration believed the presence of a large number of UN relief workers would offer the Kurds sufficient protection from reprisals by Iraqi forces to induce them to return, and it was also willing to explore the British idea of sending in a UN civilian police force.

Even before the meeting began, however, the policing option had run into trouble. "Today I have received a very clear rejection from the Iraqi government. They do not want a UN police presence," Señor Pérez de Cuéllar said.

For the UN to intervene without permission in a member state's affairs would be a break with precedent he is loathe to make without explicit authority from the security council.

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Arms flow in for Yugoslav militias

*Europe's gun-runners have been quick to supply the Serbs and Croats with weapons. **Roger Boyes reports***

The Yugoslav leadership may have set itself, and the army, an impossible task in calling for the disarming of Serbian and Croatian militias. Tens of thousands of automatic rifles, hand guns and even rocket launchers have been transported to Croatia and Slovenia in the past few months.

Austrian gun dealers in Kärnten and Styria, the two provinces closest to Yugoslavia, boast openly of a booming trade. Transport planes containing cases of weapons arrived weekly in Zagreb during January and February, diplomats say, with the main suppliers being Belgium and Germany.

The first big drive to arm the Croatian militia came last autumn when the Hungarian trading company, Technika, delivered up to 20,000 Kalashnikovs to Zagreb. Yugoslav military

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Oxfam told to avoid politics

By Peter Victor

OXFAM trustees have been told by the Charity Commission that they must avoid political campaigning or risk being made to repay personally monies deemed to have been spent for political ends.

David Forrest, secretary of the commission, wrote yesterday to Mary Cherry, chairperson of Oxfam, outlining the findings of a report after a year-long enquiry into campaigns by the charity. The report concluded that the trustees had breached the limitations placed on them by the charity's objects and the laws on charitable status.

However, the commission was criticised by the International Freedom Foundation, a free market think tank, which prompted the enquiry. Marc Gordon, of the foundation, said: "When we made the complaint we wanted the money used for these campaigns to be returned and the people responsible — Oxfam's campaigns and public affairs units — to have their charitable status removed."

The commission said that while recognising the value of the charity's work it nevertheless required the trustees to accept that some of their campaigning work was political and not charitable. "The unnacceptable political activities must cease," the commissioners said.

They had considered seeking reimbursement of any money wrongly spent on political activities. After taking the view that the trustees had acted in good faith however, they decided not to refer the matter to the Attorney-General. In future, however, they would not hesitate to pursue the question of reimbursement.

The commission said that the trustees appeared not to have appreciated the difference between stating possible solutions to problems "in a reasonable fashion" and campaigning to have that solution adopted. Oxfam had made grants to non-charitable bodies including partisan political groups. It had also taken sides in political controversies in foreign countries.

Mrs Cherry said that Oxfam took seriously its commitment to operate within charity law. She added, however: "We have come to see that our primary object of relieving poverty, distress and suffering cannot be achieved without advocacy on behalf of the people we are trying to help."

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Girls will be girls and boys will be boys

By David Tytler
Education Editor

BOYS and girls still see themselves as boys and girls, each with their own role to play. Most of them believe that boys repair cars while girls wash clothes, according to a new report published yesterday.

Children aged five and six have inherited the attitudes of their grandparents, which are preventing more women from becoming scientists and engineers, says the report. Even where children have seen jobs being done by both sexes, such as teaching young children and doctors, there is still a tendency to believe in stereotypes, the former viewed as a preserve for women and the latter mainly for men.

Wearing trousers, shopping, and looking after somebody who is ill are the three roles most popularly considered to be right for both men and women, but children believe that only men should be scientists, says the report, commissioned by the National Association of Schoolmasters, the Union of Women Teachers and the Engineering Council.

The survey of 259 boys, 247 girls and 218 teachers, shows that divisions between the sexes exist despite modern attitudes and the national curriculum. Some people even consider the substitution of chairper*son* for chairman as sexist, says the report from Manchester university. Mending the car, fire-fighting, climbing mountains, woodwork and being a scientist are all seen as men-only activities by most girls and boys. Hairdressing, mending clothes, cooking, wearing jewellery and doing the laundry are almost exclusively for women. Washing clothes was only for women, said 85 per cent of boys and 86 per cent of girls. Repairing the car was for men, according to the majority of pupils.

HOW THE PUPILS SEE IT

Which adults should do which jobs, according to the average five or six-year-old child

	Men	Women
Car repairs	92%	4%
Fire fighter	81%	4%
War films	70%	6%
Scientist	69%	9%
Doctor	47%	15%
Proposing marriage	43%	30%
Looking after sick	5%	56%
Cooking	5%	64%
Hairdresser	5%	69%
Mending clothes	5%	87%

Sample: 506 Source: Manchester University report

One teacher told the researchers: "The boys tend to exclude girls from some playground games and think they should be allowed to reserve some equipment for their own use, such as a train or garage set. Some boys automatically assumed that the girls would take on the role of nurses in hospital play and cast themselves in the role of doctors."

Classroom computers are often seized by the boys. Most teachers said they tried to counteract stereotyping, with 83.8 per cent saying they did, 12.1 per cent saying they did not and 3.5 per cent saying there was no need.

About two-thirds of teachers believed the national curriculum would help to reduce the problem, a quarter said that it would not and nearly 12 per cent said they did not know.

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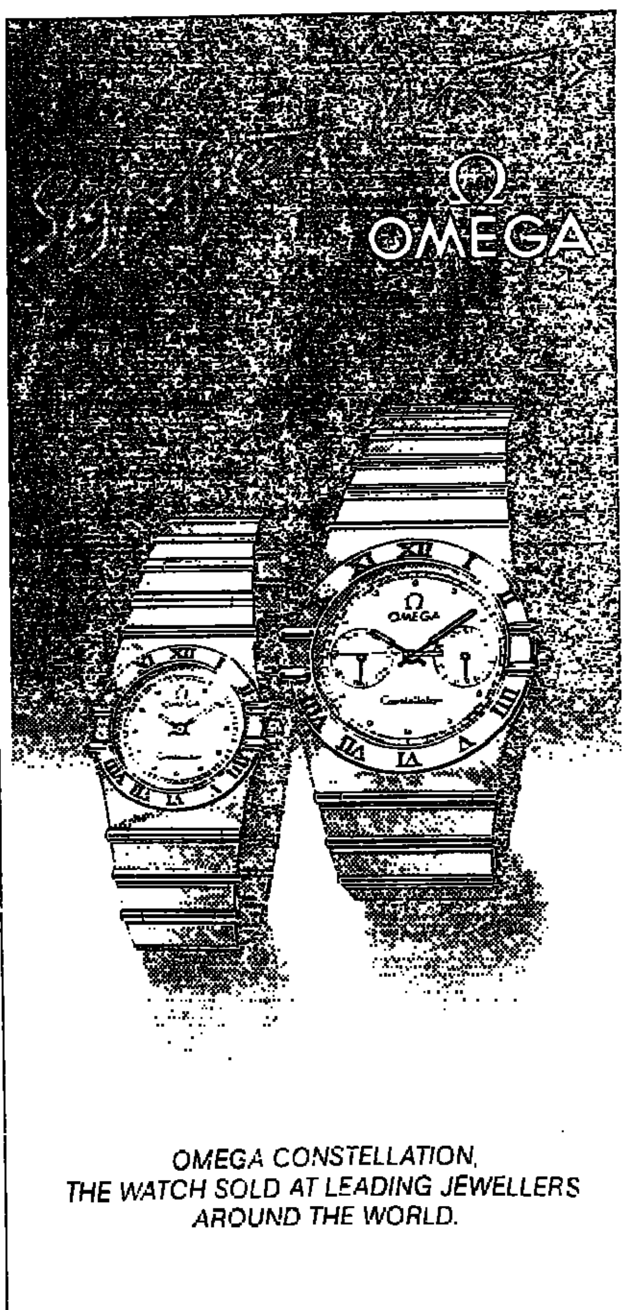
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HEALTH SERVICE DEBATE

Major agrees to meet doctors over reform dispute

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE prime minister last night intervened in the growing political dispute over the National Health Service reforms. As Labour stepped up its attacks over hospitals opting out of health service control, Mr Major agreed to meet the British Medical Association to discuss its claims of a crisis.

Sources were making clear, however, that at the meeting Mr Major would be backing William Waldegrave, the health secretary, to the hilt. The prime minister's decision to get involved was announced by Mr Waldegrave after he met BMA leaders in Whitehall for what were described as "very open and frank" discussions.

Mr Waldegrave rejected a BMA offer to drop its opposition to the changes already in place if in return the government halted the second wave of opt-out hospitals and budget-holding family doctors, who have powers to buy hospital services for their patients. The health secretary was later asked what a meeting between the BMA and Mr Major would achieve. Mr Waldegrave said the prime minister might be able to persuade the association to abandon its campaign against the reforms, although he rather doubted it.

He emphasised that the health service was "not falling to bits". He said: "We will continue with the reforms. They are already beginning to lead to benefits and better management and care of patients."

Earlier the Labour party continued its attack on the health service reforms by producing two more leaked letters showing evidence of "a two-tier health service" and launching a campaign against the second wave of health service trusts.

A letter from Ken Grant, district general manager at City and Hackney health authority, sent to senior clincians at St Bartholomew's hospital, said that the hospital would have to compete for money from GP budget-holders even if it meant admitting their patients more quickly. The hospital needed to attract business from GP budget-holders for two reasons. First, if they previously sent patients there, this money would be built into the hospital's revenue assumptions. Second, any extra work would give the hospital more money to spend on improving services for patients.

A second letter from the Royal Liverpool Children's hospital, Alder Hey, shows that that hospital has agreed to special deals for one-off cases from all districts in the Mersey region and Clwydd and Gwynedd health authorities to ensure that children are treated within 12 months. However, it has told North Manchester health authority that it cannot guarantee treating any children that are on the current waiting lists in the next financial year, under the normal block contracts.

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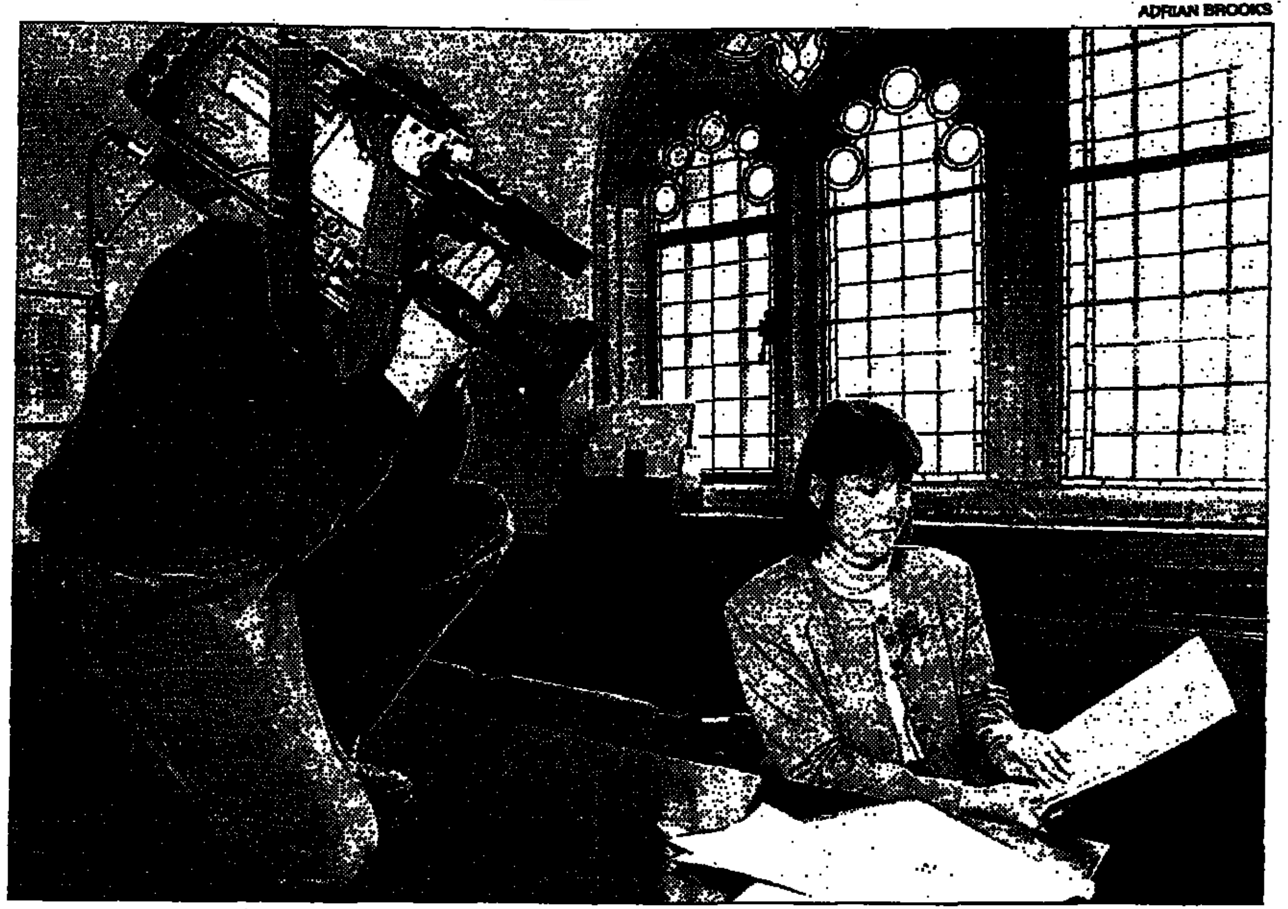

ADRIAN BROOKS

Health in focus: the Labour MP Harriet Harman with the leaked letters at yesterday's press conference

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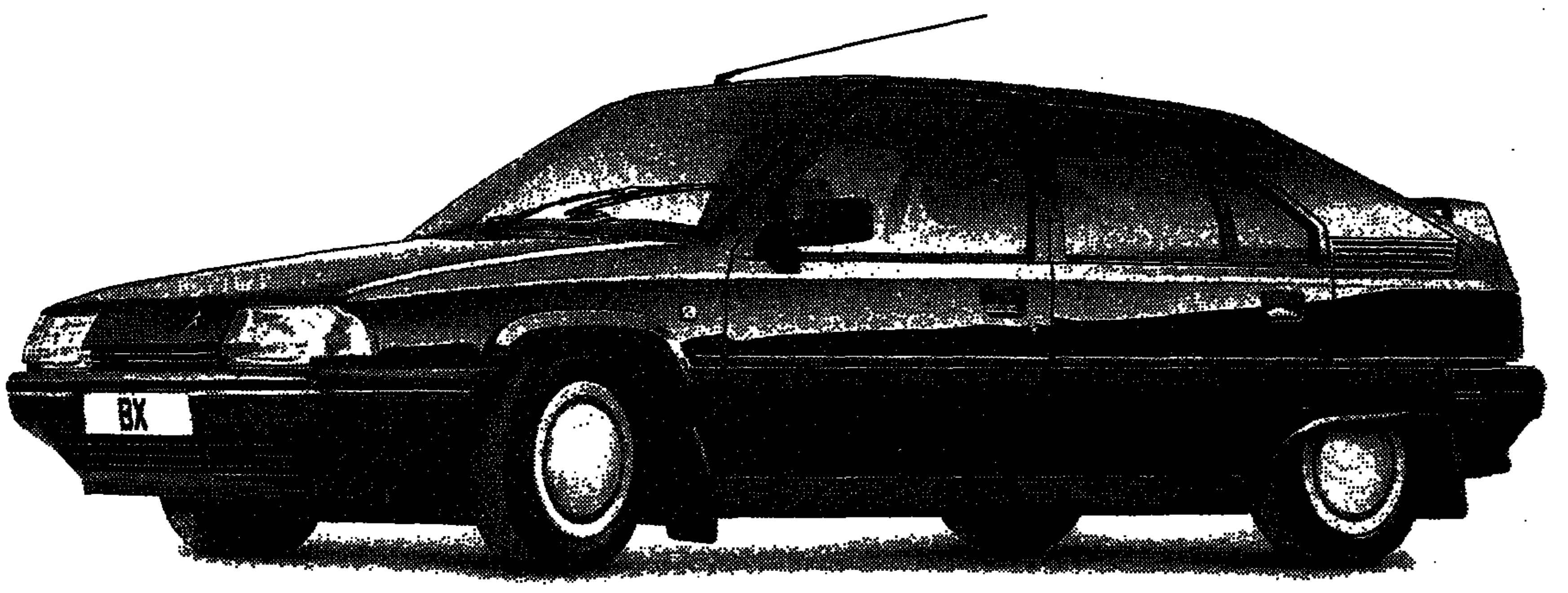

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Cash figures conceal many contradictions

Jill Sherman looks behind the political propaganda at where the cash has gone in National Health Service spending

The health service is at the top of the political agenda again, and politicians have started banding around statistics to try to show whether the National Health Service has enough money, whether it has been underfunded in the past, and how much it needs in the future.

With the furore over job cuts and service reductions, purportedly as a result of the NHS reforms, Labour appeared have the upper hand. However, William Waldegrave, the health secretary, deftly seized the initiative yesterday morning when he accused Labour of shooting itself in the foot over its plans for health spending.

Neil Kinnock suggested in a speech on Wednesday night that spending would increase by 2.5 per cent a year, keeping pace with planned economic growth. Mr Waldegrave pointed out that this would mean a decline in spending on health. The Tories had put 3.7 per cent growth into the NHS in each of the last four years.

Robin Cook, the Opposition health spokesman, spent most of yesterday arguing that no precise figure could be put on what Labour would spend.

It is true that the government has put more into the health service overall as the country has grown wealthier. In 1979 total spending on the NHS in the United Kingdom was about £9 billion, which rose to over £27 billion by 1990. Growth as measured by the gross domestic product also rose each year but at a slightly slower rate than NHS spending. The biggest increase in NHS spending was in 1980 when inflation was running at 18 per cent and the health service recieved 27 per centmore.

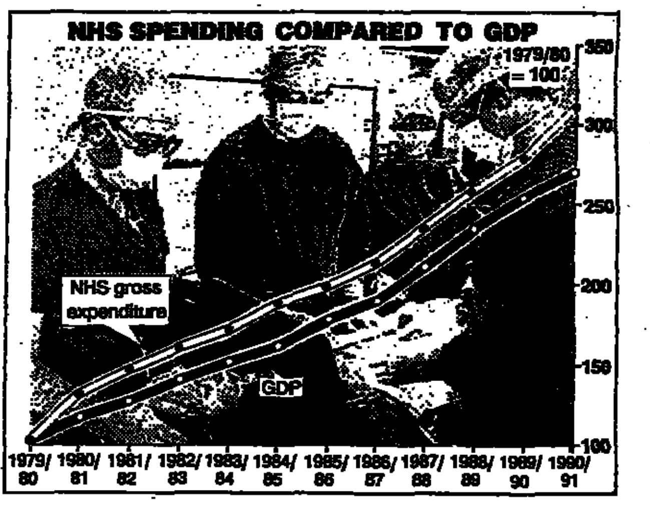
This was mainly channelled into review body pay awards for nurses and doctors following the 1979 winter of discontent. NHS spending as a proportion of GDP rose from 4.5 per cent to 5.2 per cent. During the last five or six years however this has dropped back to between 4.8 and 5 per cent. The tightest squeeze on spending was in the early to mid-1980s where growth was minimal in the NHS as a whole and arguably cut in the hospital sector. In the last two years, following generous public expenditure settlements for the NHS, the gap between GDP and NHS spending has widened.

However the apparent generosity conceals several factors, which partly explains the job cuts and cries of underfunding from health professionals and trade unions. Gross NHS expenditure covers family practitioner services such as GPs, dentists and opticians where spending has risen proportionately much higher than the hospital sector. The government has only just started containing this with measures to curb drug spending, the abolition of free dental check ups and sight tests and the introduction of GP budget holding.

Gross expenditure on the hospital side also includes money raised from land sales and cost improvement exercises such as competitive tendering. Health authorities also point out that NHS inflation is higher than general inflation because of the heavy labour costs, accounting for 70 per cent of NHS spending. Pay awards, particularly those decided by the pay review bodies, have consistently run much higher than general inflation.

Figures provided by the British Medical Association show that if NHS inflation is taken into account, health service spending has only risen about 20 per cent since the Tories came into office in 1979, as against the 50 per cent claimed by the health department. Figures from the social services select committee show that if NHS inflation is taken into account, spending on the hospital and community sector fell by 0.1 per cent in 1984/85 and by 0.1 per cent in 1989/90.

Health organisations also argue that at least 2 per cent is needed each year just to maintain service levels. If these figures are accepted, the health service has done much worse than Mr Waldegrave makes out.



New dog curbs on way

Proposals to strengthen the law on the control of dogs are to be put before Parliament this summer, the leader of the Commons told MPs yesterday (Bob Morgan writes). John MacGregor was responding to demands for action after the attack on a Lincoln man by two pit bull terriers this week.

Mr MacGregor said: "Because we recognised there may be a need to extend the law further, we issued a consultation paper last year which contained a number of specific proposals. In response, a diverse range of views had been received. "The home secretary will bring forward his proposals this summer." The issue was raised in the Commons by Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West, who said such dogs should be banned. The injured Lincoln man suffered severe facial injuries.

L-test fee rise

Learner drivers must pay more to take tests on Saturdays from next month. The Saturday charge will be £35 while a weekday car test will go up from £19.50 to £21.50, the Driving Standards Agency said. Fees for a lorry or bus test will rise from £45 to £48 with a Saturday fee of £75, while a weekday accompanied motorcycle test goes up by £2.50 to £28.50. The Saturday charge will be £44.

Final comment

Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, the editor of the comment section of *The Sunday Telegraph* and a self-avowed "dyed in the wool reactionary", is to retire to write his memoirs. Sir Peregrine, aged 68, who is due to marry Lady Lucinda Lambton this weekend, will surrender control of the comment pages to Trevor Grove, the editor, on September 1.

Chess leader

Alexander Halifman, the former Russian who now represents Germany, has seized the sole lead in the City of London international chess challenge. In the sixth round he defeated William Watson, the London grandmaster, in just 22 moves to take the lead.

Bank raid fails

A woman aged 60 from Marlow, Buckinghamshire, was in police custody last night after an armed raid at a Midland bank branch in the village yesterday. Police said nothing was stolen and no shots were fired. Staff refused to hand over money and the raider fled.

Big bang theory

A gun barrel for the tank of the future, capable of firing projectiles at more than two miles a second, is to be tested at an army range at Kirkcudbright, in Scotland. The defence ministry said an electromagnetically powered gun could be fitted in 10 years' time.

CORRECTION

The young violinist Sarah Chang, pictured in yesterday's *Times*, played for the Duchess of Kent, not the Duchess of York as stated.

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Sinn Fein publicity chief jailed for role in holding informer

By Tim Jones

DANNY Morrison, the former publicity director for Sinn Fein, was jailed yesterday for eight years for his part in falsely imprisoning Alexander Lynch, an RUC special branch informer.

Morrison, aged 38, turned and waved to supporters in the public gallery in Belfast crown court after being sentenced by Sir Brian Hutton, the Northern Ireland Lord Chief Justice.

Expert at justifying IRA outrages, Morrison's incarceration will be a serious blow to Sinn Fein, the political wing of the movement.

Sir Brian said it was possible that Morrison, who had been cleared of conspiracy to murder, played a much more sinister role in the unlawful imprisonment of Mr Lynch. The Crown had not been able to prove he visited the house where Mr Lynch was being interrogated to arrange for him to be murdered.

Morrison, Sir Brian said, had gone to the house to arrange for a press conference in the knowledge that Mr Lynch was being held captive. Sir Brian said: "As I have already said, involvement in the offence of false imprisonment on behalf of a terrorist organisation is always a serious offence."

During his trial, Morrison was asked by his defence counsel whether he believed the IRA had the right to put informers to death in certain circumstances. He replied: "Yes."

Yesterday James Martin, aged 54, received a 12-year sentence for permitting his house to be used in connection with Mr Lynch's imprisonment and also for the imprisonment of another man, Joseph Fenton, who was later murdered.

Sir Brian said: "Everyone in Northern Ireland knows that interrogation by a terrorist organisation will almost certainly involve brutality, ill treatment, threats and putting someone in fear and may end in murder. It is a grave offence. When you made your house available to the IRA for a second time you must have known there was a definite possibility the man may have been murdered, but that did not stop you. What you did was deeply evil."

Sir Brian: Morrison may have played sinister role

Three other men found guilty of the false imprisonment of Mr Lynch were also sentenced. Gerard Hodgkins, aged 31, was jailed for 12 years, James O'Carroll, 28, and Daniel Caldwell, 34, were jailed for 10 years each and John Anthony Murray, 40, for eight years. All four had Belfast addresses.

Vera Martin, aged 45, wife of James Martin, was jailed for three and a half years and their son James was given a six-month suspended sentence. Two other defendants also received suspended sentences.

Playing a game in which to lose is to die

By Tim Jones

ALEXANDER Lynch was a prime player in a dangerous intelligence game — one in which, once found out, there was only one punishment: vicious interrogation and a bullet in the back of the head.

Lynch, whose double life led to the imprisonment of Danny Morrison, was lucky. Now living overseas with a new identity, he is one of the few to have survived an IRA "court martial".

Although now worthless to his former police handlers, who gave him the codename Turner, Lynch was able to render them one final service before his exile. His experience at the hands of his captors gave police an invaluable insight into the interrogation methods of the IRA. One captor claimed to have been trained in Libya and said he was looking forward to breaking Lynch. He succeeded, for Lynch, sobbing and hysterical, made a full confession.

How the police and soldiers who rescued him found out where he was being held is a mystery that will cause the IRA to search for yet another informer in their midst.

To Sir Brian Hutton, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Lynch was a man of no moral worth. To the police, however, the man who loved fast cars and good living was worth, in his final year, more than £70,000.

That sum reflected the fact that Lynch, a member of an IRA intelligence gathering unit, was regarded as an important informant. It also reflected the hazards for police in intelligence gathering. In the ghettos of Belfast and on housing estates in many other large towns, everyone knows everyone else and the gunmen rule like Mafia godfathers, dispensing favours or fearful punishment. In those places, a strange face is recognised, car numbers noted and the local IRA people informed, often by children.

To overcome that problem, the police and other security forces use the latest electronic surveillance equipment to "track" the enemy, but there is no real substitute for a double agent.

For that role, Alexander Lynch was well suited. Since the age of 14, when he joined the IRA's junior wing, Lynch, now 33, knew no other life. He was "turned" by the police into a double agent on his release from prison in 1983 after serving four years of a 12-year sentence for possessing firearms and explosives.

He then began his dangerous double life, which frustrated many IRA murder attempts and led to the arrest of several gunmen who are now behind bars. To maintain his cover, Lynch took part in some IRA operations, although he claimed that on at least one occasion he neutralised bombs he was planting.

A senior police officer said: "It is impossible to say how many people survived because of Lynch, a dozen, probably more. He was enormously valuable to us and we are going to miss him terribly."

Kinnock relationship was purely friendship, family says

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Friendly meeting: Mr Kinnock and his wife Glenys with Mr Costa and his daughter at a factory opening

Police may try to have Costa extradited

By Stewart Tendler and Michael Theodoulou

SCOTLAND Yard's fraud squad is considering applying for the extradition of Charilaos Costa, wealthy clothing manufacturer and friend of Neil Kinnock, who is living in Cyprus after the collapse of his British interests.

The squad began an investigation into the affairs of Mr Costa earlier this year, assigning a detective to examine allegations surrounding £7 million to £10 million. It was not until this week after press enquiries that the Yard discovered Mr Costa was linked to Mr Kinnock.

The squad yesterday continued preparations to submit a report to the Crown Prosecution Service on the case. The report might recommend extradition proceedings be started against Mr Costa who has been in Cyprus since February. The Yard said that the fraud investigation involved allegations of false accounting and obtaining property by deception by CHS Holdings, a Costa company. Two men, one the manager of a NatWest branch in London's West End, have been charged in connection with the investigation .

Reshmi Patel was arrested in March and charged with obtaining property by deception. Last month he was remanded on bail until July. Raymond Mitchell , the bank manager, was charged with false accounting and was also bailed to return to court in July.

As Yard officers met yesterday to consider the case, however, an accountant acting as receiver for four companies controlled by Mr Costa said that the businessman had no knowledge of any investigation. "He rang this morning and he denied the allegations," Panos Eliades said. "He said he did not know anything about the Fraud Squad and would be returning to this country," said Mr Eliades, receiver for the companies Peter Martin, Julius, Jenina and Corneyhurst. He added that neither he nor any member of his accountancy company had been contacted by the squad.

At Mr Costa's north London home his family said his relationship with Mr Kinnock was purely friendship. "This whole thing is silly. My father is a completely honest and good man," Peter Costa, aged 19, said. "He is trying to sort things out, trying to salvage what he can from the recession." Dino Costa, aged 20, another son, said: "We know the Kinnocks but this is nothing to do with business it is a purely friendly relationship." Mr Costa came to Britain in the 1960s and founded a growing clothing manufacturing business taking over several well-known clothing companies. He negotiated loans with Union Discount, the Cyprus Popular Bank, NatWest and the English Trust.

This year, the empire began to crumble. A receiver from Ernst and Young moved into three companies in March. Another three companies are in receivership and others reported to be in liquidation. Union Discount said the police were called in to make investigations a month ago. The company is owed £7 million by companies belonging to Mr Costa. Money was advanced against invoices showing business in hand but cheques against the invoices worth £1 million have not been honoured. At the former headquarters of the Costa fashion business at Gor-ray House in Enfield, north London, all that is left is a parking bay with the letters C Costa. Security guards at the office block said even that was about to be removed. The building, once the main factory for Mr Costa's business, is now a business centre. A spokesman said that the company owned by Mr Costa had now been sold.

In Cyprus yesterday influential friends expressed amazement that Mr Costa's affairs were being investigated. He is known on the island as a generous sponsor of the Greek Cypriot community in London who also uses his contacts with Labour politicians in Britain to publicise the problem of the divided island.

"He is one of the great leaders of our community in London," Andreas Christofides, a former education minister, said. "He has great contacts with the Labour party in London and gives money for Cypriot activities in London." Mr Costa is also close to the small socialist party in Cyprus, known as Edek. He has not contributed funds directly to Edek in Nicosia, but might have contributed to the London branch, a party spokesman said. A leading Edek politician said: "Charilaos is a very likeable man and I'd be very surprised if any of these allegations are true." Mr Costa was not answering journalists' calls yesterday but his secretary said he would make a statement soon.

Waiting game: the press outside Mr Costa's north London home yesterday

Statement led to wide publicity

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

NEIL Kinnock's detailed statement on Wednesday ensured far wider coverage of his links with Charilaos Costa in yesterday's newspapers than might have been the case.

The Sun broke the story in its early editions and Mr Kinnock's statement meant that other newspapers were certain to follow it up. His office had learnt of *The Sun's* intention to report on a friendship between him and Mr Costa when the newspaper rang to say it had a series of questions for Mr Kinnock.

The detailed nature of the questioning indicated that the newspaper was planning a substantial story. Mr Kinnock and his advisers knew that a statement might encourage other papers to follow *The Sun* but decided that it would remove any question-marks from a relationship about which he had nothing to hide. As all newspapers have made plain, there is no question of any impropriety.

Mr Kinnock's advisers judged that a frank statement would be the best way of ensuring that the story did not drag on. As the prolonged interest in the prime minister's O-levels showed, failure to publish the most innocuous information can fuel damaging speculation.

Maguire case delay for fresh evidence

THE Court of Appeal hearing the Maguire family's appeals yesterday granted an adjournment until Monday to allow the family' legal team to investigate the relevance of a Home Office document that came to light only days ago.

The document came into the hands of the lawyers after a scientist involved in the Birmingham Six case was interviewed last week and told of its existence. It could bring a dramatic end to the appeals against convictions of running an IRA bomb factory.

The Maguire Seven were jailed 15 years ago for possessing explosives. Their convictions were based on evidence from Royal Armanent Research and Development Establishment scientists that they had handled nitroglycerine before their arrests in December 1974.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, for the Maguires, told the appeal court in London yesterday that the new document indicated that tests carried out by the establishment in May 1977 showed that the ether contained in hand-test kits "was contaminated with a substance which could have been nitroglycerine". It also indicated that the way in which the kits were packaged in cardboard boxes could "also have resulted in contamination".

The Maguire Seven were swabbed by police using hand test-its after their arrest and then the swabs were sent to the establishment for testing for nitroglycerine.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith told Mr Arlidge the court was prepared to give him until Monday "to reappraise the situation" but he said the court might not necessarily give leave for further evidence to be called if it involved long delay, unless it appeared to be "cogent and relevant".

Video releases put firms on TV news

By Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent

COMPANIES are getting corporate messages across on television news bulletins by sending producers free ready-to-broadcast footage.

Video news releases, or VNRs, have been broadcast without labelling on the BBC's *Breakfast Time*, the 24-hour Sky News, ITN's *News At Ten* and local bulletins on TVS and LWT in the past six months, prompting fears in the television industry that hidden sponsorship may come to compromise broadcasters' independence.

Visnews, the international television news agency, which now makes VNRs for corporate clients, says in a press release: "VNRs are an extremely successful method for gaining publicity and highly cost-effective television exposure." It adds: "Ask most television heads of news if they use VNRs and the answer will be no — but ask the programme editors and they'll probably tell you they use them all the time."

British Telecom hired Visnews Corporate Television, a subsidiary company, to produce a VNR on the 25th anniversary of the Telecom Tower, which was sent to *Breakfast Time* and used with a story about charges for directory enquiries. Last year, *News At Ten* ran a VNR from Sea Containers showing its Seacat vessel breaking a transatlantic record. Sky News, BBC South and TVS used a VNR showing the Seacat passing under Tower Bridge to be presented with a trophy.

Claudia Milne, director of the Campaign for Quality Television, said: "If such footage [VNR film] is used, it should be clear to the viewer that it is publicity material."

Steve Garvey, corporate television manager at Visnews, said it refused to make VNRs that were not newsworthy and often rejected companies.

Famous friendships that turned awkward

By Joe Joseph

FLEET Street's scandalmongers could not turn up even a Broadstairs piano-tuner who might once have pressed Edward Heath for an endorsement. Alec Douglas-Home barely remembers being prime minister let alone bending an ear towards shady businessmen. But as for the rest of the recent keyholders of 10 Downing Street, none has got away without being smeared by association with some of Britain's pushier entrepreneurs. By having his name linked to Charilaos Costa's, Neil Kinnock has got off to a flying start for a would-be prime minister.

In most cases, the businessmen who later proved an embarrassment did a lot of wooing and signing of cheques to party funds before being allowed to get close enough to smell the prime minister's aftershave. The exception was Mrs Thatcher. She didn't wear aftershave and she often ran across her most embarrassing businessmen friends over her own family breakfast table.

Like Halley's Comet, Mark Thatcher was sighted regularly and ominously over Downing Street, only more frequently. He continues to orbit over Mayfair trying to set up the Thatcher Foundation and sell mummy's memoirs, even though he has alienated nearly all Mrs Thatcher's richest City friends.

Mark landed his mother in hot water when he pocketed a commission for consultancy work for Cementation, a British construction company that bid successfully for a £300 million contract in Oman. Mrs Thatcher was accused of using her influence with Oman to get Cementation the job. Mark's commission was banked in an account to which Denis Thatcher was co-signatory. Denis's name popped up again when he wrote on Downing Street notepaper to Nicholas Edwards, then Welsh secretary, about alleged foot-dragging over a planning application made by a firm in which he was involved.

With family members like those, Mrs Thatcher had little to fret about even with business friends like Abdul Shamji, the Ugandan Asian caught up in a court case resulting from the collapse of Johnson Matthey Bankers. Anyway, Downing Street denied any close friendship and said Mrs Thatcher had only bumped into Mr Shamji at receptions, perhaps during square dances. But Mrs Thatcher had once visited his house, and Mr Shamji went to see Norman Tebbit in hospital after the Brighton bomb.

James Callaghan came a slight cropper with Sir Julian Hodge, one of the men behind the Commercial Bank of Wales. Callaghan was on the bank's board, although not in office. Hodge's business life started to turn controversial in the early 1970s when the Hodge Group, which dealt in second mortgages, was linked to but not directly involved in pyramid selling through a scheme called Holiday Magic. The punters who got taken for a ride were mainly West Indians and Asians in the Midlands.

But the Grand Old Man of shame by association was Harold Wilson. There was Lord Kagan, who was catapulted into the House of Lords by the Gannex-raincoat-wearing Wilson and then jailed for 10 months for defrauding his own textile company. Then there was Sir Eric Miller, the property tycoon, who shot himself after being kicked off the board of the Peachey Property Corporation and running up more heavy debts than he could cope with. And lastly there was Robert Milhench, the Midlands businessman sent to jail after being found guilty of forging a letter purporting to give Wilson's backing to a land deal. He had bought the land, previously used as slagheaps, from Tony Field, who was — guess who? — Lady Falkender's brother.

The weapons and armour of the mobile patrols

Armed police in high-speed cars are to patrol London

By Our Crime Correspondent

TRAINED firearms officers in high-speed police patrol cars fitted with secure armouries will begin patrolling London this summer to provide a 24-hour rapid response to firearms incidents, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

The units are part of a plan for a smaller, better-trained group of officers authorised to carry guns. At least 14 other forces have similar units, and Nottinghamshire has had them for ten years.

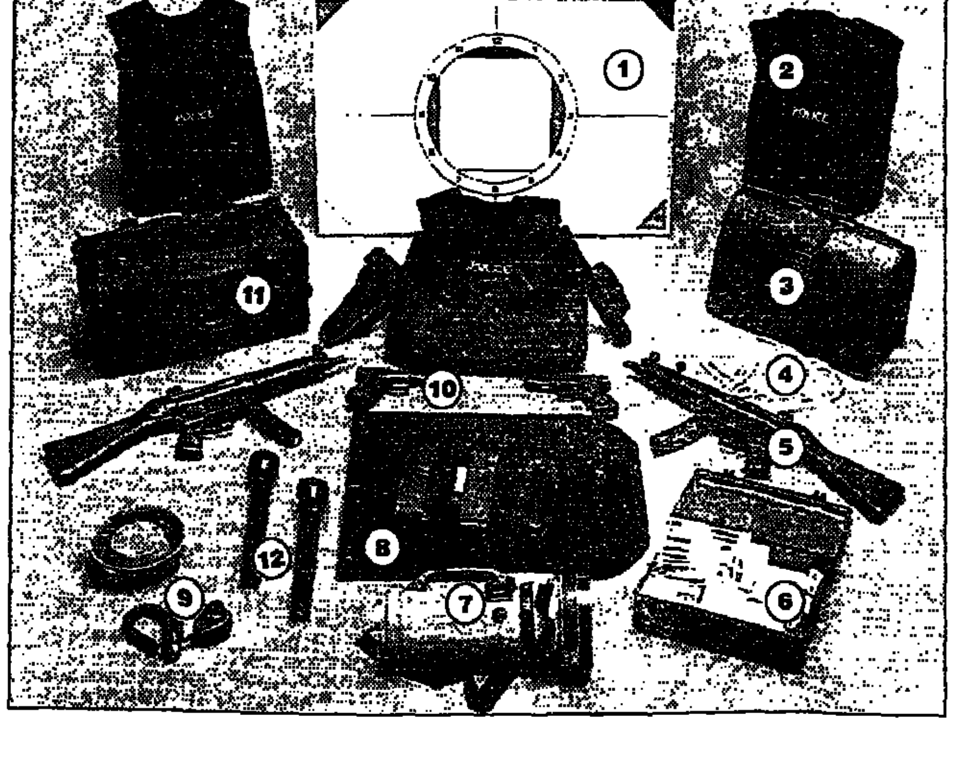
In London, 140 officers selected and trained by the Yard's PT17 fireams unit will provide three-man crews for Rover 827 patrol cars. The cars will carry two Heckler and Koch 9mm sub-machine guns firing single rounds, three automatic pistols, and body armour. The crews will patrol as ordinary officers, but their main aim will be to contain any shooting incident until officers from the 50 within PT17's top grade arrive.

According to Scotland Yard, between three and five cars will be on patrol at any time from the beginning of July. They will not be used for pre-arranged firearms operations. The Yard said that the units would be alerted for any incident that called for an armed response.

The officers will normally patrol unarmed and will need radio authorisation from an officer equivalent to at least assistant chief constable to open the armoury. The records of officers joining the unit will be closely vetted.

Planning for the units began after the Hungerford massacre in 1987, in which 17 people died, underlined the difficulty of getting armed officers rapidly to a shooting.

● **Equipment carried by the crews will include (right): 1. planning board for positioning officers at the scene; 2. body armour; 3. briefcase; 4. plastic handcuffs; 5. Heckler and Koch MP5 carbine; 6. first-aid kit; 7. spotlight; 8. ballistic shield; 9. loud hailer; 10. Glock pistol; 11. armoured bag for confiscated weapons; 12. torch.**



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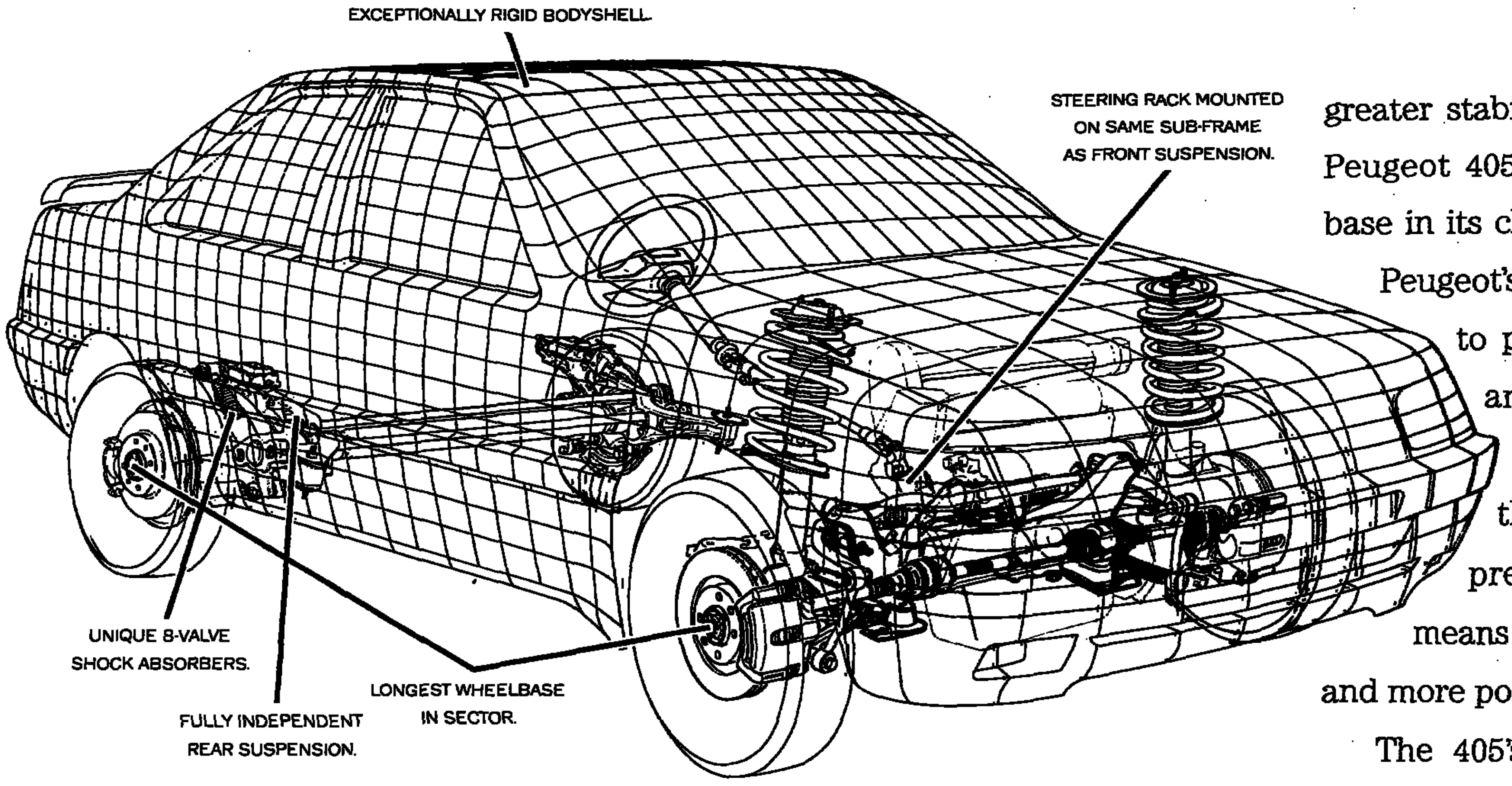
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Scientists call for outdated A-levels to be scrapped

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

A-LEVELS prevent teenagers staying in fulltime education or training and are failing even the brightest students, according to some leading scientists. In a a report *published* yesterday they challenged the government to abandon the exam as the gold standard of education.

"It depresses me enormously that students from the high echelon of education spend two years in tramlines and then leave with nothing to show for it," said Roger Blin-Stoyle, president of the Institute of Physics. "In my own subject, 25 per cent of students *fail the* A-level. *This is no* way to organise education. It is an unsupportable system."

Professor Blin-Stoyle was speaking at the launch of the Royal Society's proposals for a radical reform of education *for 16 to 19-year-olds in order* to improve staying-on rates, which are among the lowest in the world. Only about a third of the age group is in fulltime education in Britain.

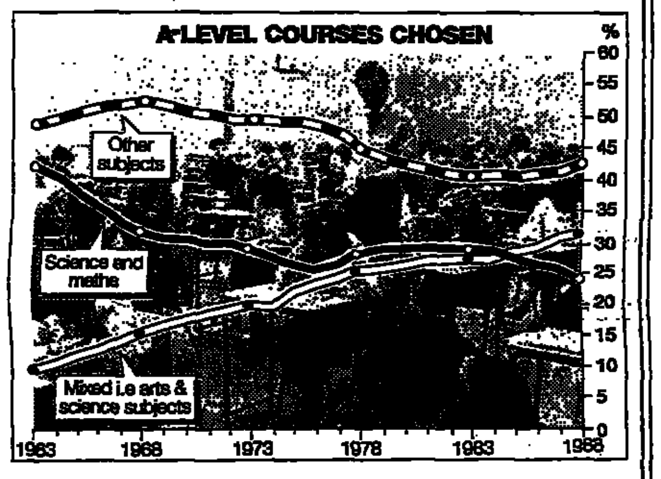
The Royal Society report *said that* there *should* be parity of esteem between academic and vocational courses and proposed a single qualification embracing all courses, available to students over 16, in a scheme very similar to that proposed by the Labour party last week. The government's proposals are due later this month.

"Scientists need to broaden their basic knowledge and the large number of people, many of them in important positions, who know nothing about science need to improve their scientific knowledge," said Sir Leslie Crombie, chairman of the working party and professor of chemistry at Nottingham university. He added: "*The* present *A-levels* are not a gold standard and the government will be more isolated than ever if it retains them." A-levels were out-dated and responsible for the damaging divide between arts and science, and were largely to blame for Britain's poor record of educating young people beyond 16 and the poor status of job-related study, he said.

Edwyn James, a former *deputy headmaster* and member of the society's working party, said that the government would have to consider widening A-levels beyond the present three considered essential for university entry. *The society is* recommending a broader based A-level course, covering between five and six subjects. "There must be other routes to university. There is an untapped population who do not have A levels who would do *well* at university. A-levels do not do a good job for enough people and we will have to find another way of doing it," the report said.

Taking a combination of courses, students would be able to take the two-year advanced diploma, equivalent to A-levels, or a new one year *advanced certificate.*

"The one-year certificate will allow students to leave the system with honour, either going on into more training or employment," said Professor Blin-Stoyle.



Schools chided for 'tedious' lessons

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

TOO many pupils are struggling through history or geography lessons that are unplanned and unco-ordinated, according *to a school* inspectors' report published yesterday.

The report, on lessons in history, geography and religious education for 9 to *13*-year-olds in 26 schools during *1989-90*, said that there was a marked variation between schools on the amount of time devoted to the humanities, and in some primary and middle schools it varied from year to year. There was also a shortage of appropriately qualified staff in some middle and high schools, and of in-service training in all schools.

In primary schools, geography was "poorly served". The least successful work in history was when "what purported to be history" was grafted onto science.

In learning about habitat, pollution and the food chain, for example, some pupils used "excessively difficult texts" to find out why particular creatures might have become extinct. Some of the work appeared *to be meaningless to* the children and a failure to consider the historical objectives to be taught resulted in them having gained only *superficial knowledge.*

In middle schools, pupils often had little purposeful contact with either their teacher or other pupils. "In these lessons, bored pupils proceeded tediously, copying undemanding *material* from texts which seemed to remain a mystery to them," the inspectors said.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said: "I am concerned at the finding that all too often *these* courses were not well planned and their objectives were unclear. Pupils on such courses simply did not learn enough about the individual subjects — mainly history and geography.

"It is important that head teachers, teachers and school governors should now consider carefully what the inspectors have said about humanities courses. The key point is that such courses should be clearly based on history and geography and the new national curriculum *requirements.*"

Guinness wins food award by a head

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE most important new food product last year was draught Guinness in a can, *it* was announced yesterday. The home-drawn stout, which took four years and *£5 million* to develop and which depends on a capsule of nitrogen and carbon dioxide *inside the* can to achieve its creamy-headed effect, won the title in close *competition* with PG Instant Tea, which is made by brewing PG blend tea and then freeze drying it.

The awards, presented by the trade journal *Food Processing,* also singled out Marks & Spencer, a company until recently best-known for underpants and brassières, as having contributed most to the British food industry in *the past 60* years. The company has only 5 per cent of the food market but has taken a *commanding* lead in the fashionable cook-chill field.

The advertising campaign of the year was Tesco's featuring Dudley Moore's free-range chicken hunt through France. Derwent Valley Foods, which makes the Phileas Fogg snacks, was chosen as food company of the year. It may be food for thought that the brainwave in creating this £18 million turnover company was to market snacks for adults, and to charge twice as much for them.

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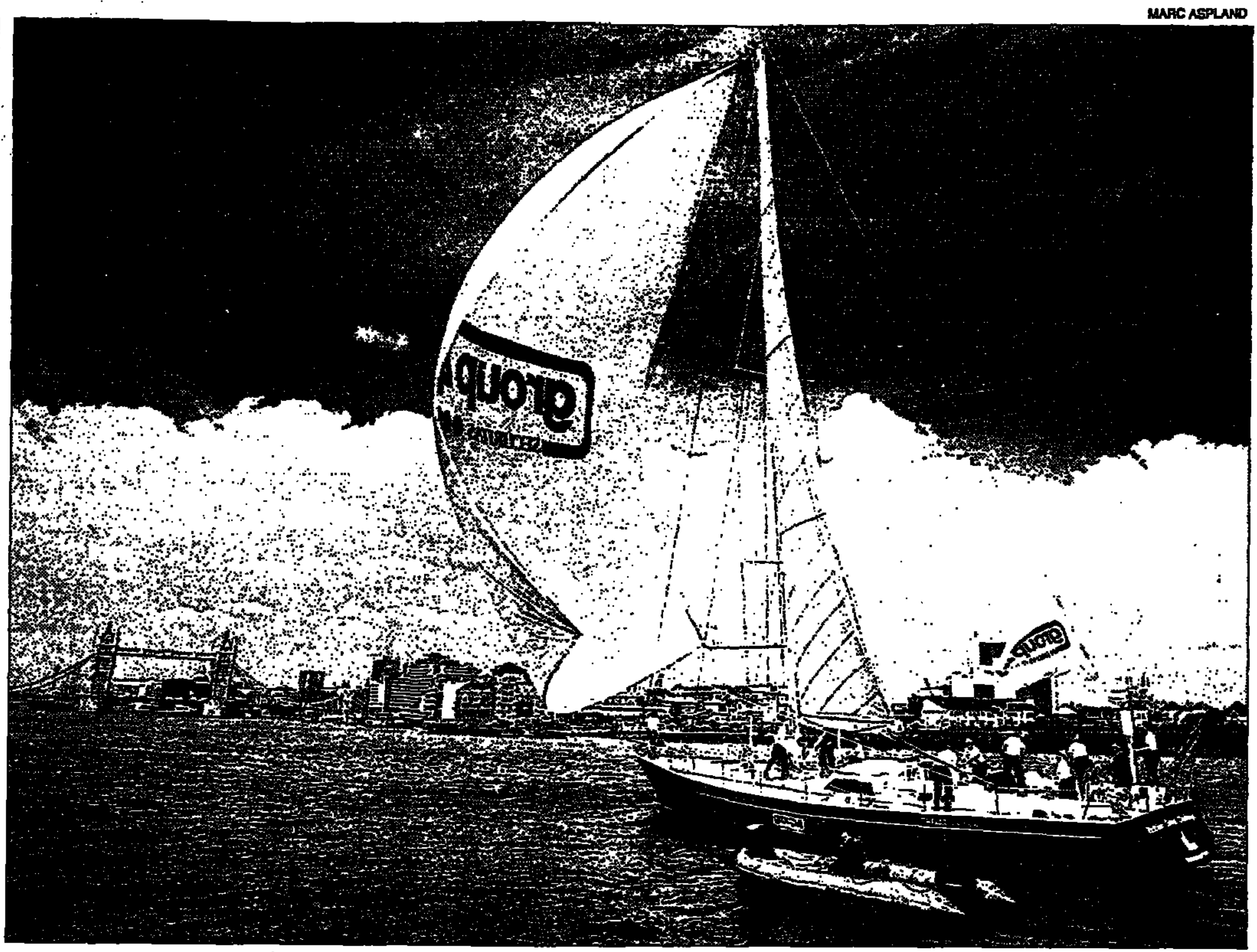


Meeting the challenge: the flagship of a fleet of ten identical yachts making her Thames debut yesterday. The 67ft yachts will race around the world against prevailing winds in next year's British Steel Challenge, masterminded by Chay Blyth, who made the voyage solo 21 years ago

Sale of castle 'bad deal for taxpayer'

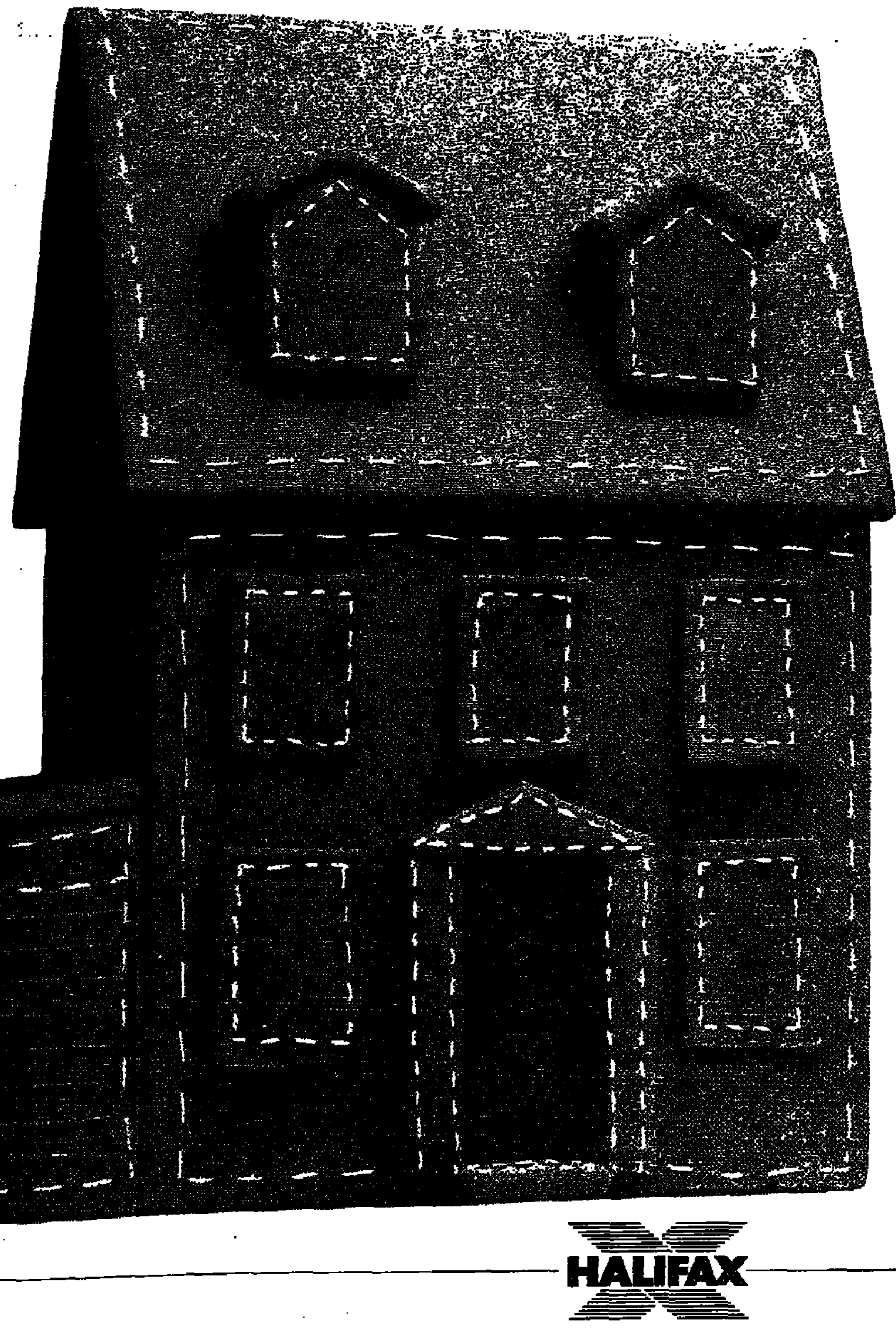
THE sale of Herstmonceux castle, the former home of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, which was criticised by the National Audit Office for failing to achieve more money, came under renewed attack from a Commons committee yesterday (Christopher Warman writes).

The castle in East Sussex was sold in 1988 by the Science and Engineering Research Council for £8.1 million after the observatory moved to Cambridge. Offers *of £9.25 million and £14* million had been rejected.

In a report published yesterday, the public accounts committee said that the council's efforts to establish the financial standing of bidders were "*insufficiently rigorous*" given the potential gains.

The committee said it was "not convinced that the council obtained the maximum selling price having regard to the bids received" and added that those concerned with selling public assets needed to act with imagination and determination to get the best deal for taxpayers.

The castle was sold to James Developments, a leisure group, but last year was back on the market at £17 million to £20 million when a conference centre scheme failed.



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Smokers 12 times more likely to have a stroke, study says

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE risk of stroke is far higher among cigarette smokers than has been previously recognised, according to a study in the *British Medical Journal*.

The study shows that of almost 8,000 middle-aged men in 24 British towns some smokers are up to 12 times more likely to have a stroke than non-smokers.

More than 70,000 people die from a stroke in Britain each year, a third of them within three weeks of an attack. Another 30,000 are permanently disabled, and the cost of care and treatment of sufferers is at least £550 million a year. The eight-year study by Gerald Shaper, professor of clinical epidemiology, and colleagues at the Royal Free Hospital medical school, Hampstead, north London, shows that men who smoke and have high blood pressure are most at risk.

"A large proportion of strokes should be preventable by controlling blood pressure and stopping smoking," Professor Shaper said. "That cigarette smoking is of considerable importance in stroke now seems undeniable and the conclusion that the best advice which can be given to patients with mild hypertension is that they should not smoke seems to be wholly justified. Stroke should rank more prominently among the consequences of cigarette smoking."

The study, funded by the Chest, Heart and Stroke Association and the British Heart Foundation, suggests that giving up smoking reduces the risk, because former smokers appear to be no more vulnerable to the condition than non-smokers. "Former cigarette smokers in this study and in other studies have the same risk as men who have never smoked, and thus giving up smoking is of great importance in reducing the risk," Professor Shaper said.

The study says that prevention would also be aided by encouraging overweight people with high blood pressure to lose weight, and by a reduction in alcohol intake among heavy drinkers, whose risk of a stroke is up to four times higher than the average.

- Two billion people are at risk of malaria, and the mosquito-borne parasites that cause the disease are becoming increasingly resistant to drugs, the World Health Organisation said in a report yesterday.

The report co-incides with a study in *The Lancet* today in which an international team of researchers recommends that a widely used combination of drugs should be abandoned because it has become ineffective. "The immediate future for anti-malarial therapy appears grim... new drugs are desperately needed," the doctors say. The journal, in a comment on the study, says: "In the war against malaria, man is in retreat."

As many as two million people worldwide are killed every year by the disease, and another 110 million contract it. Most of the deaths are among children in Africa.

The World Health Organisation, which in the 1950s said that it would wipe out malaria within five years, said the disease was running out of control in many parts of the world. Although several malaria vaccines are undergoing trials, none is expected to become available before the end of the century.

Haemophiliac Aids children to share £1.5m

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PAYMENTS totalling £1.5 million were approved by the High Court yesterday to children who were among 1,200 haemophiliacs who contracted the Aids virus after receiving infected blood products during National Health Service treatment.

Thirty-four children were infected with the virus while the parents or guardians of another 13 died after becoming infected. The move clears the way for out-of-court payments of £21,500 to £60,500 to more than 150 other infants. Mr Justice Ognall also insisted on a speedy hearing, by the third week in June, to approve details of offers to 800 adult victims.

The judge, who said that he wanted the speediest possible settlement of the remaining cases, approved payments of £21,500 to the 34 infected children. The 13 bereaved children will share in a payment of £60,500 to their families. Two mental health patients will receive £23,500 and £21,500.

Of the 1,200 haemophiliacs infected, about 210 have developed Aids and more than 140 have died. The government agreed to pay the outstanding legal costs of the 962 claimants who sued the health department for damages, on condition that they abandoned their action.

Mark Mildred, solicitor for some of the haemophiliacs, said: "After a considerable period of time negotiating over the details, the formal offers have now been made and accepted by all parties. The adult claimants do not need their offers approved by the court but the hearing in June will provide a chance for both sides to explain in open court why they reached the settlement."

Full details of the bulk of the payments will be made public at the June hearing. Provisional estimates of £60,500 for each of 293 married haemophiliacs with children would appear to be in line with yesterday's announcement.

Further estimates include payments of £32,000 to each of 214 married but childless couples and £23,500 for 533 single men. A further £23,500 could be available for 25 infected partners of haemophiliacs and £2,000 for each of the 150 wives of haemophiliacs who have already died.

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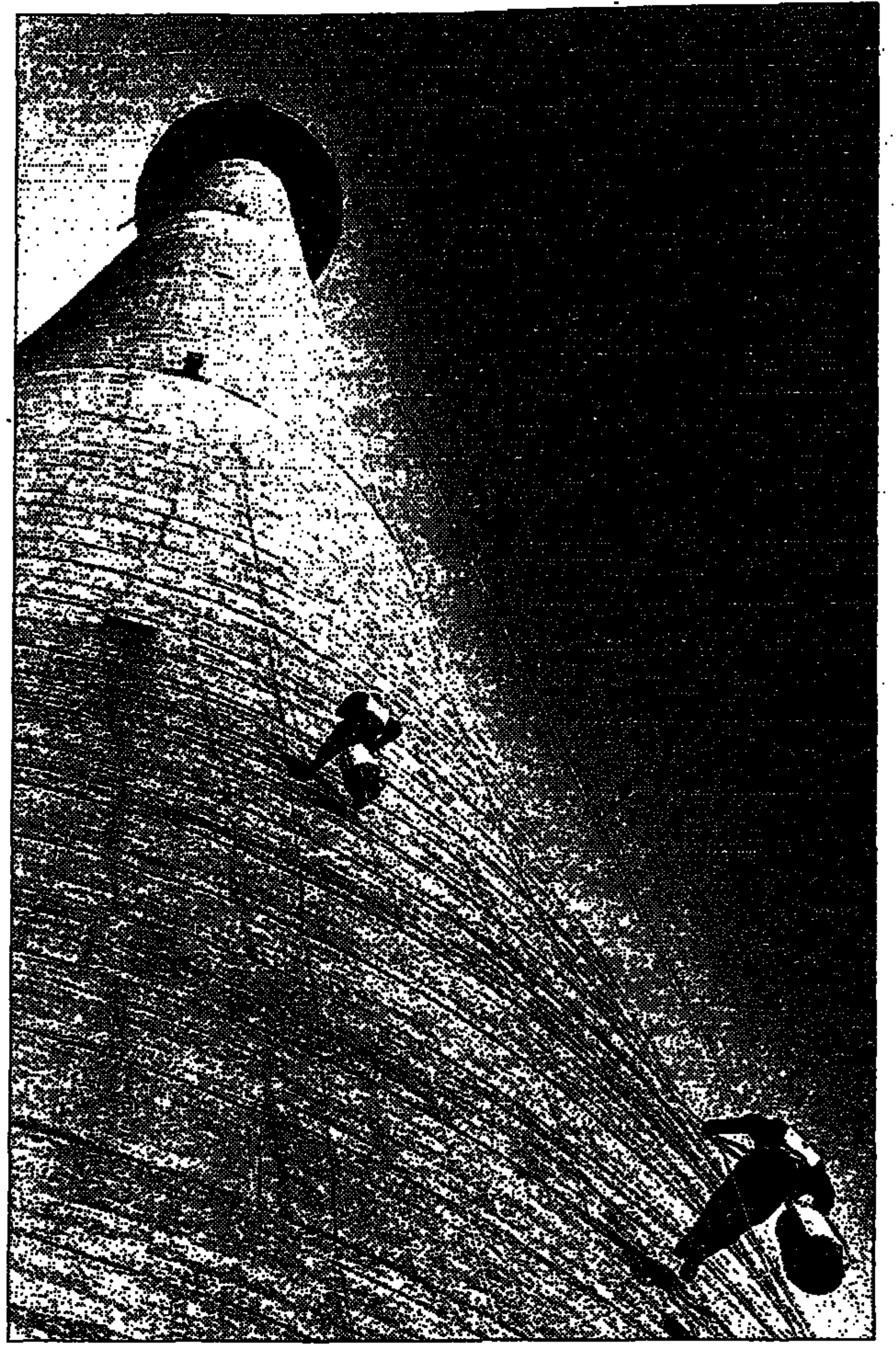


That falling feeling: Phil Barber, aged 31, and David Griffiths, aged 28, both of Staffordshire, smashing the world abseiling record by descending from the top of Britain's tallest television transmitter. The two men took just over four minutes to drop 878ft to the foot of Emley Moor mast in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. The previous record was for an 850ft descent at the Drax power station in North Yorkshire. The pair now aim to follow up Wednesday's record-breaking effort by "free-fall abseiling" 1½ miles from a helicopter.

Way cleared for appeal in Orkney case

By KERRY GILL

AN APPEAL against a sheriff's ruling that actions by social workers and the children's panel in the Orkney child abuse allegations were fundamentally flawed will begin early next month in the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court, it was provisionally announced yesterday after a court hearing in Kirkwall, the Orkney islands' largest town.

The decision came after the sheriff, David Kelbie, heard submissions from counsel for Gordon Sloan, the panel's interim reporter, asking that extensive alterations be made to his stated case for the appeal hearing. It is understood that Sheriff Kelbie, who last month called for the nine children alleged to have been subjected to ritual sex abuse to be allowed home, turned down most of the submissions after the three-hour hearing.

The way is now clear for the appeal on behalf of Mr Sloan to go ahead. It is expected to last a week and will be followed by the judicial enquiry into the affair ordered by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary.

After yesterday's hearing, attended by two of the four families, one parent said: "We want the appeal to go ahead as it will be the only way that we can hear the sheriff's judgment in full before the enquiry."

The parent said that his children were now "fine" after their five-week ordeal, which began when the youngsters were taken from their homes in a dawn raid by social workers in February and flown to the Scottish mainland. "They are glad to be back on Orkney. They are swearing nicely, they did learn a lot while in care," he said, ruefully. One child was kept in a residential school to which all the other pupils had been sent for criminal offences.

Today, another Orkney mother will appeal to a sheriff for the return of eight of her children, aged between five and 16 years, held in care since November. She has not seen them since. The eldest child was taken just before her 16th birthday. It is believed that the allegations made against the four families, who had their children returned, emanated from at least one of her children while in care. It is understood that her lawyers will argue that, as the allegations had no foundation, her children should be returned, too.

One parent who had his children returned after Sheriff Kelbie's ruling said yesterday: "We are supported by the growing anger of the local community."

Prisoners take guard hostage

Three inmates held broken glass to a prison warder's throat after taking him hostage in an attempted escape.

They were overpowered by other warders as they marched the man towards the gatehouse at Aylesbury prison in Buckinghamshire on Wednesday night. The captured officer was released unharmed. The prisoners had smashed a window in the exercise yard and threatened him with shards of glass and a 2ft stick.

Yesterday, Clive Welsh, the prison governor, said that police were investigating the incident. The three prisoners, all aged under 22, were among 50 young offenders exercising at the time.

Sentencing guidance to cover rape

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSED sentencing guidelines designed to encourage greater use of community punishments are to be extended to include cases such as rape and robbery, which can be heard only in crown courts, it was disclosed yesterday.

Until recently, ministers had wanted the guidelines to cover just summary and so-called either-way cases, that is those that can be heard either before magistrates or a jury. However, in the face of intense pressure from Opposition MPs and penal reformers, the government has decided that the sentencing framework should embrace all offences except murder.

A government amendment extending the sentencing criteria will be tabled next Tuesday, when the Criminal Justice Bill begins its report stage in the Lords. Notice of the amendment will appear on the Commons order paper today.

Under the bill, courts would be able only to impose prison terms either to protect the public from "serious harm" or where the offence was so serious that only a custodial sentence could be justified. Courts would also have to consider probation service reports assessing the offenders' suitablility for non-custodial penalties. Where it was felt a prison term was right, reasons would have to be given in open court.

The Home Office said that extending the criteria to "indictable-only" offences would not impose "unnecessary demands" on courts. Ministers now believed it was important that the sentencing framework should apply consistently.

Paul Cavadino, senior press officer for the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said the government's change of heart could further relieve pressure on prisons without endangering the public. "It will help to guard against the unnecessary use of imprisonment in all cases where a community penalty is a realistic possibility," he said.

"Many people make the mistake of thinking that all indictable-only cases end in a jail term. In fact, around a quarter of offenders convicted of offences triable only before a jury receive non-custodial or suspended sentences," he said.

The association believes the move will also make for better justice in cases when offenders appeal against sentence. "The existence of a statement of reasons for a sentencing decision helps everyone involved in the appeal process to decide whether the sentencing court's reasoning was acceptable," Mr Cavadino added.

Blackmail case

George Mendoza, aged 57, an American writer, was remanded in custody at Bath yesterday accused of blackmail relating to taped conversations and photographs of the actress Jane Seymour (above).

Garage stabbing

A man plunged a knife into his own throat after driving onto a garage forecourt at Swindon and locking his car doors. He was in hospital yesterday after being helped by customers, who had to smash a window to reach him.

Boy questioned

Police were yesterday interviewing a boy aged nine about a fire that destroyed the B & J Parr plastics factory at Mansfield Woodhouse, Nottinghamshire, on Monday.

Old soldier dies

Charlie Steele, one of the last surviving members of the Royal Engineers who fought in the battles of Mons and Ypres during the first world war, has died at Beeston, Nottinghamshire, aged 100.

150 jobs lost

Royal Doulton is to cut 150 jobs at its Minton pottery factory at Stoke-on-Trent. The firm blames a fall in orders caused by the recession.

Winter warmers

Policewomen in the Irish Republic have won a campaign for uniforms with trousers, but will still have to wear skirts in summer.

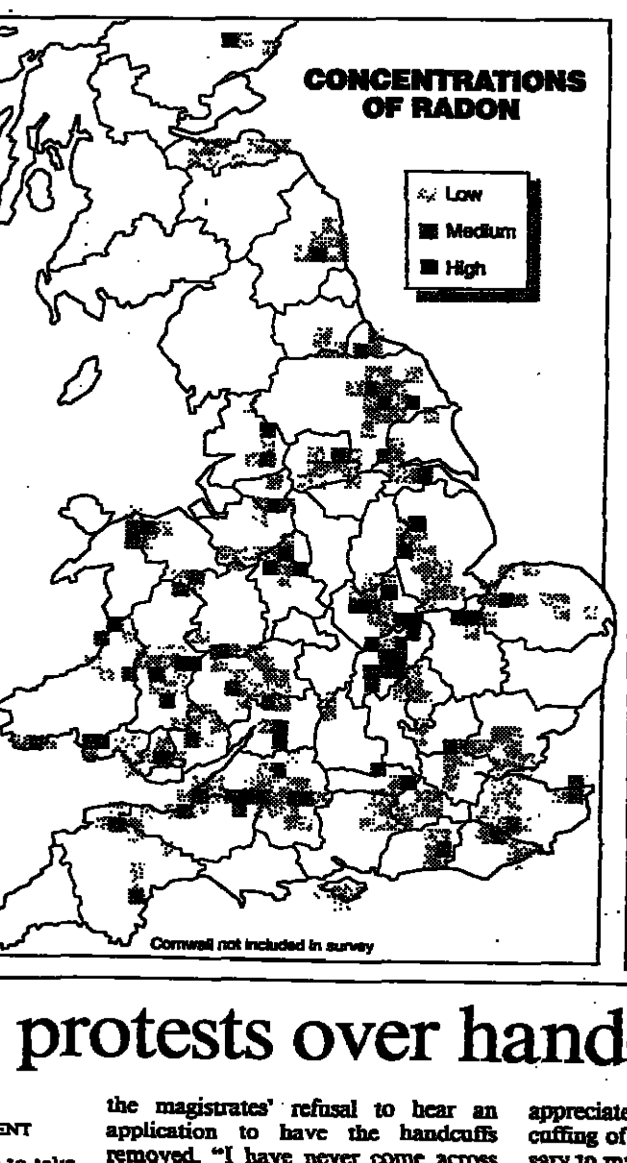
Radon gas hot spots found

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

HIGH levels of radon gas contamination have been found in 21 counties in England and Wales in a survey by the Institution of Environmental Health Officers. Discovery of "hot spots" of radon in many areas thought clear has led the body to call for an expanded national survey and better grants for gas-proofing houses.

Radon, an odourless gas produced by the decay of uranium in the ground, seeps into houses, where it is the single largest source of radiation to which people are exposed. The National Radiological Protection Board estimates that 2,500 cancer deaths a year in Britain are due to it.

Radon is commonest in Cornwall, excluded from the survey due to past studies. It confirms high levels in the next worst-affected county, Northamptonshire, with hot spots in Avon, Berkshire, Gloucestershire, Humberside, Kent, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Shropshire, Somerset, West Sussex, Wiltshire, West Yorkshire, Clwyd, Gwent, Mid-Glamorgan, Powys and West Glamorgan.



Lawyer protests over handcuffing

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A SOLICITOR is seeking leave to take Cambridge magistrates and the chief constable of Cambridgeshire to court over their practice of handcuffing all defendants when they are brought to court to apply for bail.

George Peacock, a solicitor in Ely, is concerned about the practice, which is applied regardless of the defendant's likelihood of being granted bail or of absconding from the court.

He has now lodged an application to bring judicial review proceedings over the magistrates' refusal to hear an application to have the handcuffs removed. "I have never come across this practice before. It seems quite unfair to the defendants and unnecessary ... There is no suggestion that most of them pose any risk at all in respect of escape or violence. It is also demeaning and degrading," he said.

Mr Peacock has complained about the handcuffs policy to Philip Brown, the clerk to the Cambridge, Ely and Newmarket justices, and to Ian Kane, the chief constable of Cambridgeshire.

Mr Brown told him: "Whilst I appreciate that in many caes the handcuffing of prisoners may not be necessary to maintain security, it is however police policy, in view of the number of escapes and escape attempts which have taken place over the past few years, to ensure that all prisoners appearing from custody are handcuffed."

H. N. Llewellyn, barrister from the legal department at Cambridgeshire constabulary, told Mr Peacock it did not accept that the policy, which was adopted in 1987 after two prisoners escaped at a Cambridge court, "prejudices detained persons".

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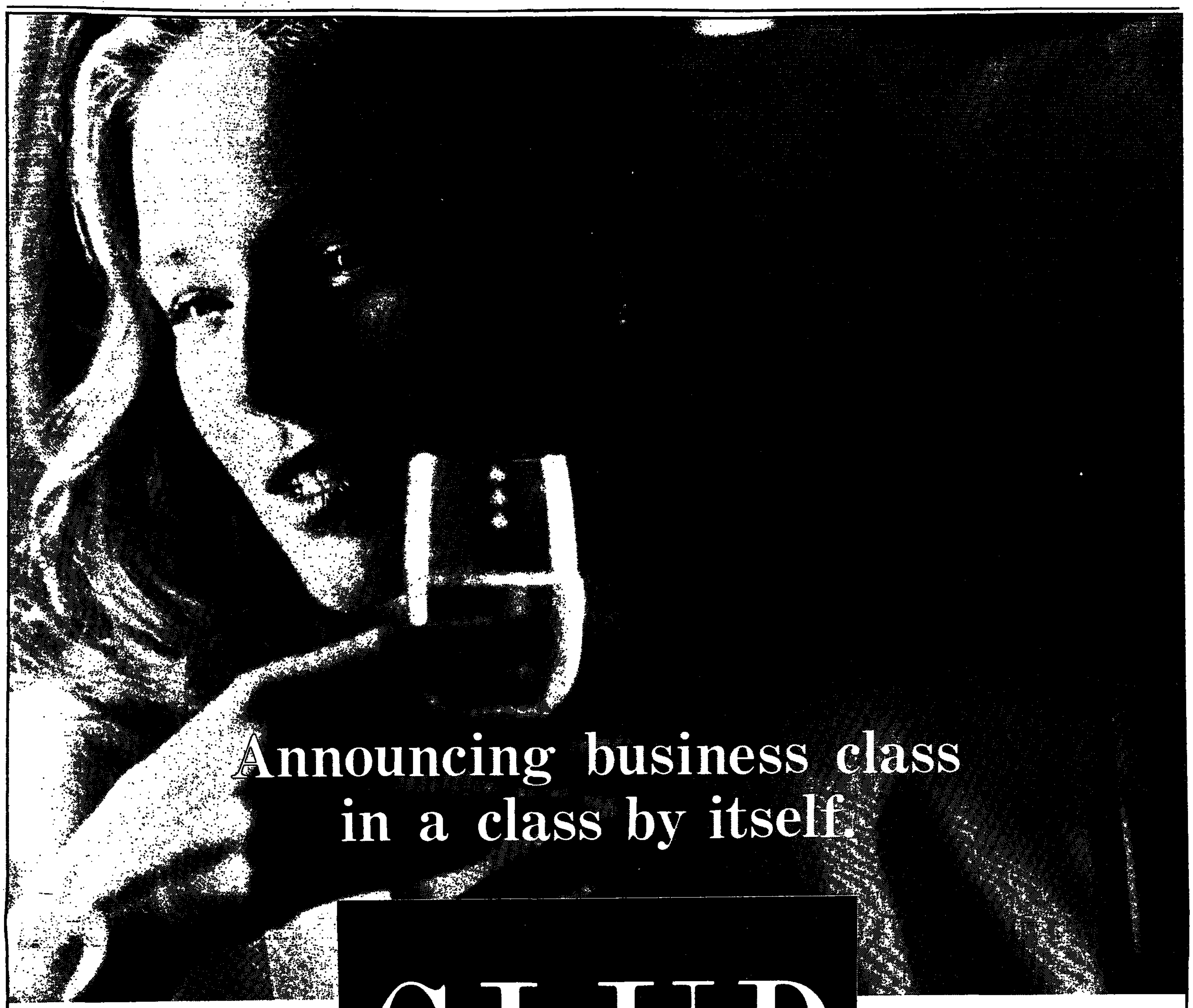

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Scottish Conservative Conference

Lang acclaims retreat from Thatcher style

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A RETREAT from the ideological conservatism that marked Margaret Thatcher's 11 years in power was sounded yesterday by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary.

Hr sought to nudge his still broadly Thatcherite party into step with John Major's more pragmatic leadership by making better public services one of the key themes of his speech to what will probably be the last Scottish Tory conference before the next general election.

But it was his remarks in Perth about the presentation of Tory policies that marked the most obvious break with the Thatcher era, which led to the Tories losing about half their Scottish seats at the 1987 election and has consigned them to the political doldrums ever since.

In an implied criticism of the dogmatic leadership supplied by Mrs Thatcher Mr Lang said: "Perhaps too often in the past we have expressed our policies in abstract or ideological terms, when we should have been relating them more clearly to everyday issues. As Conservatives, we have our ideals and they are important. We are the party of the free market, of sound money, of the property-owning democracy.

"But we are also the party that cares about quality and excellence and opportunity. We are the commonsense party, the party of good government. We must demonstrate that care and that commonsense. We must do more to explain our policies — to consult, to listen, to respond to people's anxieties.

"We must reassure people that we remain the broadest, the most tolerant and the least exclusive of parties, inspired by our ideals, rather than driven by ideological. 'That is the direction in which I want to take the Scottish Conservative party. It is in line with our tradition in Scotland and I believe it is what the people want of us."

Mr Lang also sketched out the social agenda on which he wants Scottish Tories to try to wrest back support from Labour at the next election. On education, he said he wanted to see more money going directly from the taxpayer to the classroom and not being wasted on needless bureaucracy. Parent power would be extended but only as long as such changes met the overriding objective of raising standards.

The Scottish secretary also restated his party's commitment to the National Health Service, which is again in doubt with the dispute over job cuts at self governing hospital trusts. He said: "The NHS is not only safe in our hands, it is flourishing ... what we must do is seek ways of giving patients more rights. Rights to better, quicker health care. More preventive medicine a better relationship with GPS.

On housing, Mr Lang promised a renewed effort to help tenants get a better service from their landlords.

Mr Lang coupled his vision for Scotland with sharp attacks on his political opponents.

Tory faithful hail Heseltine

Heseltine acknowledges the cheers yesterday

MICHAEL Heseltine's political rehabilitation took a step forward yesterday when Conservative activists demonstrated that they were beginning to forgive him for his part in Margaret Thatcher's downfall.

The environment secretary was given a standing ovation at the end of his speech at the Scottish Conservative party conference and was rewarded with several bursts of sustained applause for some typically impassioned attacks on Labour. But the sight of a minority of representatives, including a platoon of young Tory right-wingers, pointedly remaining seated and according him only the most perfunctory applause, was a reminder that he has yet to be accepted fully back into the Conservative fold.

A threat by some young Conservatives to greet Mr Heseltine's arrival with 30 pieces of silver failed to materialize.

In contrast to the Scottish people, the Scottish Tory faithful idolized Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heseltine risked a bumpy ride when he crossed the border to make only his second set piece conference speech since returning to the cabinet in November. His only other encounter with the party faithful had ended disastrously in March when he was heckled at the Southport Central Council meeting over his plans to ditch the poll tax.

On Wednesday, the conference made clear that it was resigned to the demise of the poll tax and its replacement by the council tax. Yesterday it received Mr Heseltine in the same spirit of reconciliation.

Pupil tests are extended

PLANS to extend national testing of pupils to every year of their school career up to the age of 14 were unveiled yesterday by Michael Forsyth, Scotland's education minister. He also announced that he was commissioning a study into truancy in Scottish schools and signalled a fresh assault on low standards in some inner-city schools.

Mr Forsyth coupled his announcements at the Perth conference with a fierce attack on Scotland's biggest teachers' union, the Labour party and some educationists over their opposition to testing.

He accused the Educational Institute of Scotland (EIS) of telling parents "a pack of lies" about the test, the introduction of which in primary schools was badly disrupted by union and parental boycotts earlier in the year. Nevertheless, Mr Forsyth sought to soften his abrasive Thatcherite image by holding out an olive branch to the institute.

He appealed to the EIS to abandon its stance of "permanent protest" and work with ministers in furthering the "quiet revolution" in Scottish schools. His tone was markedly more conciliatory than that of conference speakers who called the EIS "educational luddites" and "playground bullies".

Drawing a sharp distinction between the political challengers of the Eighties and Nineties, he said that he was proud to be part of the prime minister's search for a classless society. Mr Major's goal of creating a society at ease with itself was a noble and exciting one.

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Fighting form: Margaret Thatcher in cheerful mood yesterday, a few days after her magazine interview which spoke of he bitterness at being forced from office (John O'Leary writes. She told academics and students in Oxford: "I am not a legend. I am still vigorous and very full of life." Sir Geoffrey Leigh, the chief fundraiser for a £4 million conference centre she was opening at her old college of Somerville, had described Mrs Thatcher as a legend in her own lifetime. She was not to be drawn on the subject of her interview with *Vanity Fair*, but she did her best to dispel any image of herself as a figure living in the past. Commenting on her contemporaries' disquiet at changes in the college, she said: "Change is the law of life. We cannot just stand still and be satisfied with the standards of the past. We have to build and progress: that is the nature of the dynamism in every one of us." Mrs Thatcher, who confessed to being thrilled that the centre would bear her name, said of herself and Daphne Park, the former principal of Somerville: "I think you could describe both of us as formidable women who strike fear into the hearts of bureaucrats who stand in our way, and who therefore get things done that tend to be denied to lesser men and women."

Ministers avoid car charges

By JOHN WINDER

MINISTERIAL cars will not be liable for the new national insurance charge on company cars because they are provided from a pool as needed and are not allocated to individuals, Nicholas Scott, social security minister, told MPs yesterday.

Mr Scott, who was moving second reading of the social security (contributions) bill, said the scheme would give employers a minimum of extra work because it would stick closely to the inland revenue rules about tax on employees for company cars with which employers were familiar. Concern about extra record keeping was not well-founded.

Roger King, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Northfield, said that many employees had to have cars to do their job, just as ministers needed word processors and videos.

Mr Scott replied that if an employee had a car exclusively for business use, no national insurance would be payable on it.

Employees would not pay national insurance on company cars because they already paid tax on them; it would be difficult to integrate a payment into the system and the complications for employers would be out of proportion to the income raised.

Employers' representatives were being invited to comment on the scheme which would be operated by regulations under the bill. The scheme would raise £550 million in the present tax year from payments in respect of cars and £60 million more for fuel provided to employees. That represented 0.2 per cent of total labour cost, spread among 300,000 employers ane the additional burden should not be exaggerated.

Graham Allen, an Opposition spokesman, said that there was little in the bill that he could fault.

New attempt to find owners of mansion

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A FRESH attempt to establish the ownership of Heveningham Hall, an outstanding eighteenth century country house in Suffolk, was launched yesterday with demands to John Major and Michael Heseltine for full disclosure of the events surrounding its privatisation in 1981.

The condition of the hall, an elegant Georgian mansion managed by the National Trust through the Seventies, has declined in recent years as campaigners for its restoration have tried in vain to discover the identity of its ultimate owner.

Last night the Labour leadership intervened in the affair with Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, writing to Mr Heseltine, who was in his first spell as environment secretary when the hall was sold, demanding information. The Heveningham action group also called on John Major to act over the "Heveningham scandal."

Mr Gould said that in 1981 Mr Heseltine had announced that the hall had been sold to Abdul Al-Ghazzi, an Iraqi businessmen, and the impression was given that the house would be restored by him and used as a private residence.

It subsequently emerged that the house was sold not to a private individual but a Swiss company, ID Investment Development AG, and that the sale had been arranged through an English company, Gulf Development, whose directors and former directors were all prominent Conservatives, including its managing director at the time, Chris Patten.

Attempts by the action group to discover from the government the shareholders or ownership of the company have so far failed.

In their letter to Mr Major the action group alleges that at a public footpath enquiry in 1988 it was revealed that the purpose for which the hall was purchased was "to provide an entertainment and conference centre for heads of state, ex-heads of state, government ministers and VIPs from all over the world."

It goes on: "Such a purpose suggests the presence of a cause, and the involvement of politicians on the purchaser's side suggests the cause was political. Compelling circumstantial evidence indicates that the cause in question was that of the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

It went on: "The government is asking us to believe that it does not know to whom it sold Heveningham Hall. This is not satisfactory, not least because two of three secretaries of state with whom we have corresponded, Mr Heseltine and his predecssor Mr Patten, were directly involved in the 1981 transaction."

Mr Gould said: "We must get to the bottom of this mystery. The government must know who the owners of Heveningham Hall are. After all two prominent members of the Cabinet were intimately involved in its sale. I shall keep plugging away until the truth is revealed."

Jail education plea

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DEMAND was made by a parliamentary enquiry yesterday for legislation to guarantee quality training or education for all prisoners to help to check the wave of crime threatening society.

A prison regimes act should set out the objectives of imprisonment, including the need to give prisoners every possible help, encouragement and incentive to abandon a criminal course of life, the Commons education committee said. "The present level of crime and criminality threatens the continuance of the institutions of society. Imprisonment is a factor in the situation: we cannot afford prisons which are an expensive way of making bad people worse."

Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, welcomed the committee's central goal of giving prisoners, through education and training, a better chance of leading a life free from crime after their release. But he will not indicate whether he supports legislation until producing his formal reply to the report later this summer.

The Conservative-dominated committee, which visited Brixton prison and Feltham young offenders' centre, found that education varied from the most promising achievements to a level little above basic survival. Many prisons had squalid conditions, it said. "We speak not only of walls stained with faeces and broken windows, but also of simple unwashed grubbiness.

"The educational impact of such conditions is obvious. First they depress the inmates' self-respect ... Second, they habituate inmates to vandalism ...

Labour faces uphill battle

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

A NEW guide to marginal seats and the possibilities for tactical voting sets out the scale of Labour's task in seeking outright victory at the next election.

"Can the Tories Lose?", edited by Gareth Smyth, and published in association with the centre-left group Common Voice, says that if the Liberal Democrats retain the 22 seats the Alliance won at the last election, with 17 going to the Northern Ireland parties and six to the nationalists, then Labour will need to capture 51 seats from the Conservatives to deprive them of their overall majority.

Labour will need to gain a further 23 seats to become the largest single party and 23 more to have an overall majority, an overall total of 97 gains required.

Majorities in the 51 seats where Labour came closest to the Tories in 1987 range from 0.2 per cent in York to 9.1 per cent in Feltham and Heston. In two, Stockton South and Colne Valley, Labour would have to come from third place behind the Liberal Democrats.

A chapter on marginal seats by Tim Johnson points out that Labour needs a uniform swing of 4.6 per cent to deprive the Tories of power and a swing of nearly 8.5 per cent to gain power itself, 5.5 per cent ahead of the Tories in share of the national vote. Votes of the two main parties have been within 3.4 per cent of each other at seven of the thirteen post-war elections.

The book says: "If the swing from Tory to Labour ranges from 0 to to 4.6 per cent the Tories will be returned to power with a reduced overall majority. If it ranges from 4.6 per cent to 8.5 per cent, at least in the places which matter, then there will be a hung parliament."

Each net gain the other parties make from the Tories lowers the threshold Labour has to reach. And the book claims that a mere 4.5 per cent swing from the Tories to the leading challenger in each marginal seat, leading to the Liberal Democrats and nationalists gaining a dozen seats from the Tories, would leave Labour needing to gain only 53 seats from the Tories "to be on the edge of forming a government".

The book , which sets out to arm voters in marginals with the information they need to vote tactically, suggests that northern Alliance candidates in 1987 benefited by some 5 per cent from tactical voting in seats where Labour was weak.

And the evidence of council elections this year and of the parliamentary by-election successes for Liberal Democrats David Bellotti and Mike Carr in Eastbourne and Ribble Valley , is that anti-government voters are becoming increasingly willing to concentrate their support on the candidate most likely to beat the Tory.

The marginals study points out that in practice swings are not uniform and that the overall swing of 1.7 per cent from Conservative to Labour in 1987 ranged from more than 10 per cent in some Liverpool constituencies to a swing of more than 8 per cent from Labour to Conservative in some London seats.

It says: "Even if there is a big swing to Labour in the country as a whole but the swing is less in the 'decider' seats then the Tories could still hang on to power against the tide,something they have been good at in the past".

The projections of possible general election results from this year's local government elections, indicating heavy Tory losses, suffered from one major defect: there were no elections in Scotland or in London.

At the last election and in the previous year's local elections Labour did worse than it did elsewhere in London , where figures like Joan Twelves of Lambeth council have ensured that the image of a hard-left party still persists.

The Common Voice study says:"Suppose Labour did get a swing of 8.5 per cent nationwide , but 5.8 per cent less in London: Mr Kinnock would be 16 seats short of an the overall majority he could otherwise expect".

Can the Tories Lose? The battle for the marginals, edited by Gareth Smyth (Lawrence and Wishart £4.99)

Speaker defends work rate

The work rate of MPs was defended by Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, yesterday against aspersions cast by a tabloid newspaper. He quoted with approval the view that part of the modern press might be summed up in three phrases: "Make it brief, make it juicy and make it up."

He was responding to concern about an article in the *Today* newspaper which questioned how hard MPs worked and listed their voting records. The list, however, included the names of those who had been unable to vote because of illness and, in one case, because of death.

Labour MP stays silent

Dave Nellist, the Labour left winger, declined to explain his words in the division lobbies on Wednesday which Tory MPs said included taunts of racism against them. The Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, gave him the opportunity after renewed complaints from Tory backbenchers who alleged he said: "this way, racists".

War crimes

The war crimes bill, which was forced through Parliament after the Lords refused to give it a second reading on two occasions, was given royal assent yesterday. The measure allows suspected nazi war criminals now living in this country to be prosecuted.

Next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:
Monday: Motion for the spring recess
Tuesday: Debates on Opposition motions on the NHS and on help for the third world.
Wednesday: Debate on the government's expenditure plans.
Thursday: Planning and compensation bill, remaining stages.
Friday: Debate on private member's motion.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:
Monday: Northern Ireland (emergency provisions) bill, committee.
Tuesday: Criminal justice bill, report.
Wednesday: Debates on the arts and on the NHS.
Thursday: Child support bill, third reading.
Friday: Coal mining subsidence bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Private members' bills: Badgers bill and gaming (amendment) bill, remaining stages.
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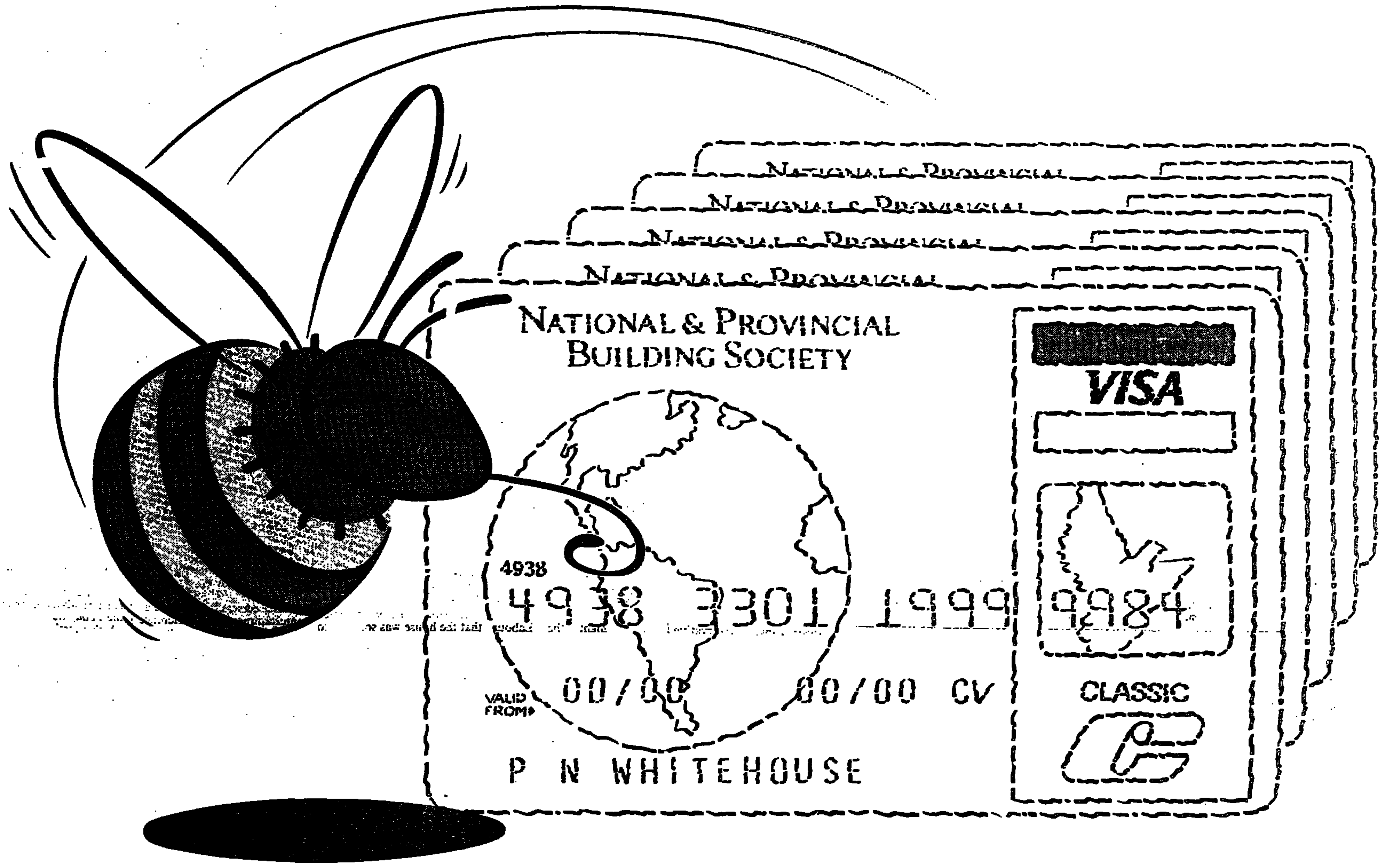

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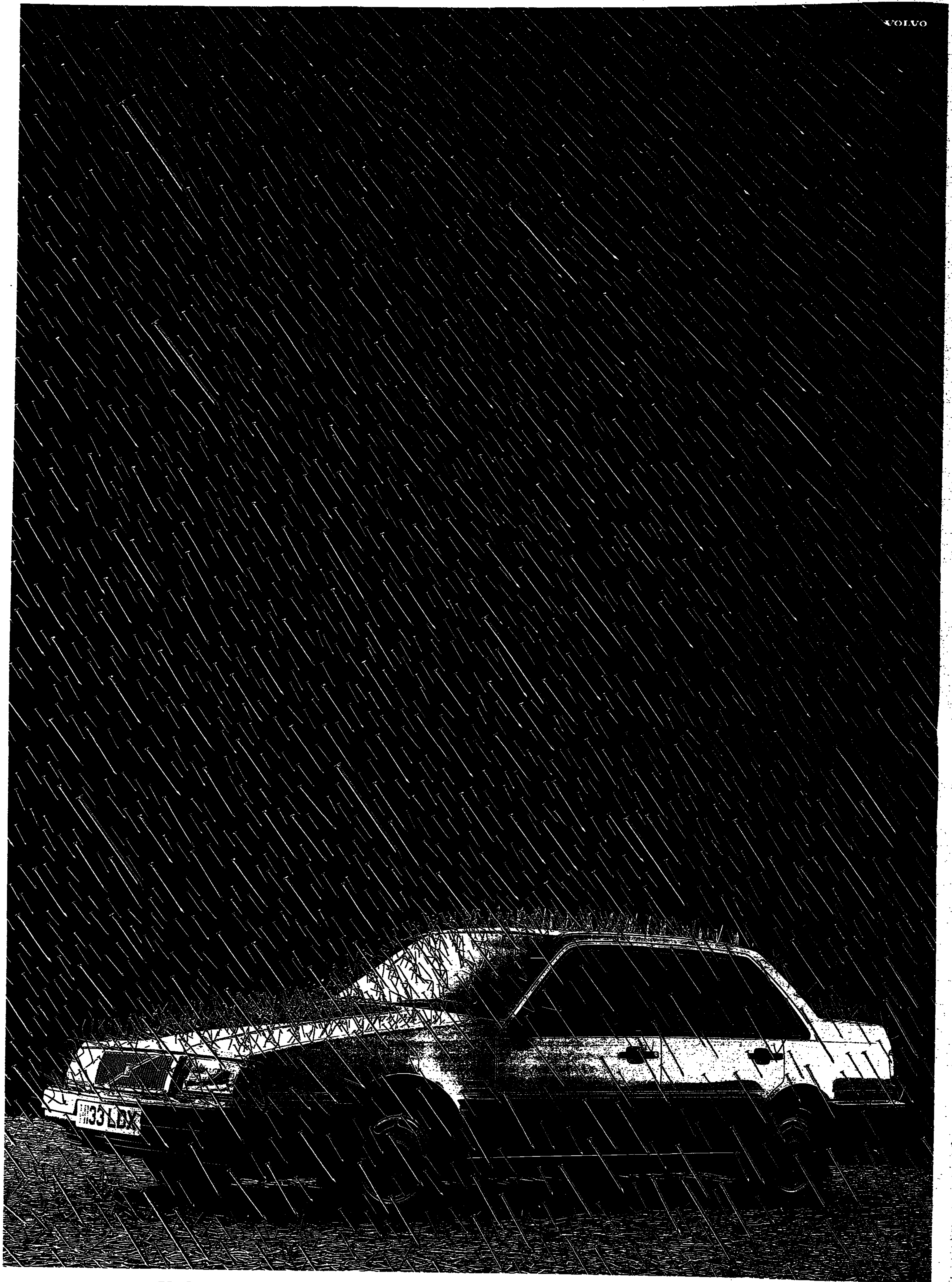

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Bessmertnykh will take tough line on Israeli settlements

From RICHARD BEESTON
IN JERUSALEM

THE Soviet foreign minister, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, arrives in Israel todayfor an historic, though short and potentially stormy meeting with Israeli leaders to discuss peace efforts in the Middle East.

The visit, the first by a Soviet foreign minister in Israel's history, marks a turning point in Moscow's desire to play an active role in co-sponsoring regional peace talks with the United States.

But yesterday, after talks in Amman with Jordan's King Husain, Mr Bessmertnykh made it clear that Israel's policy of building Jewish settlements in the occupied territories blocked the way for progress. "I cannot foresee, conceive or accept a situation when a peace conference is in session while the settlements are going to be built," he said. "This is a question to be solved. The Soviet Union and other countries, who are interested in arranging such a conference, are going to deal with that problem straightforwardly and directly as one of the things to be solved before the conference starts," he said.

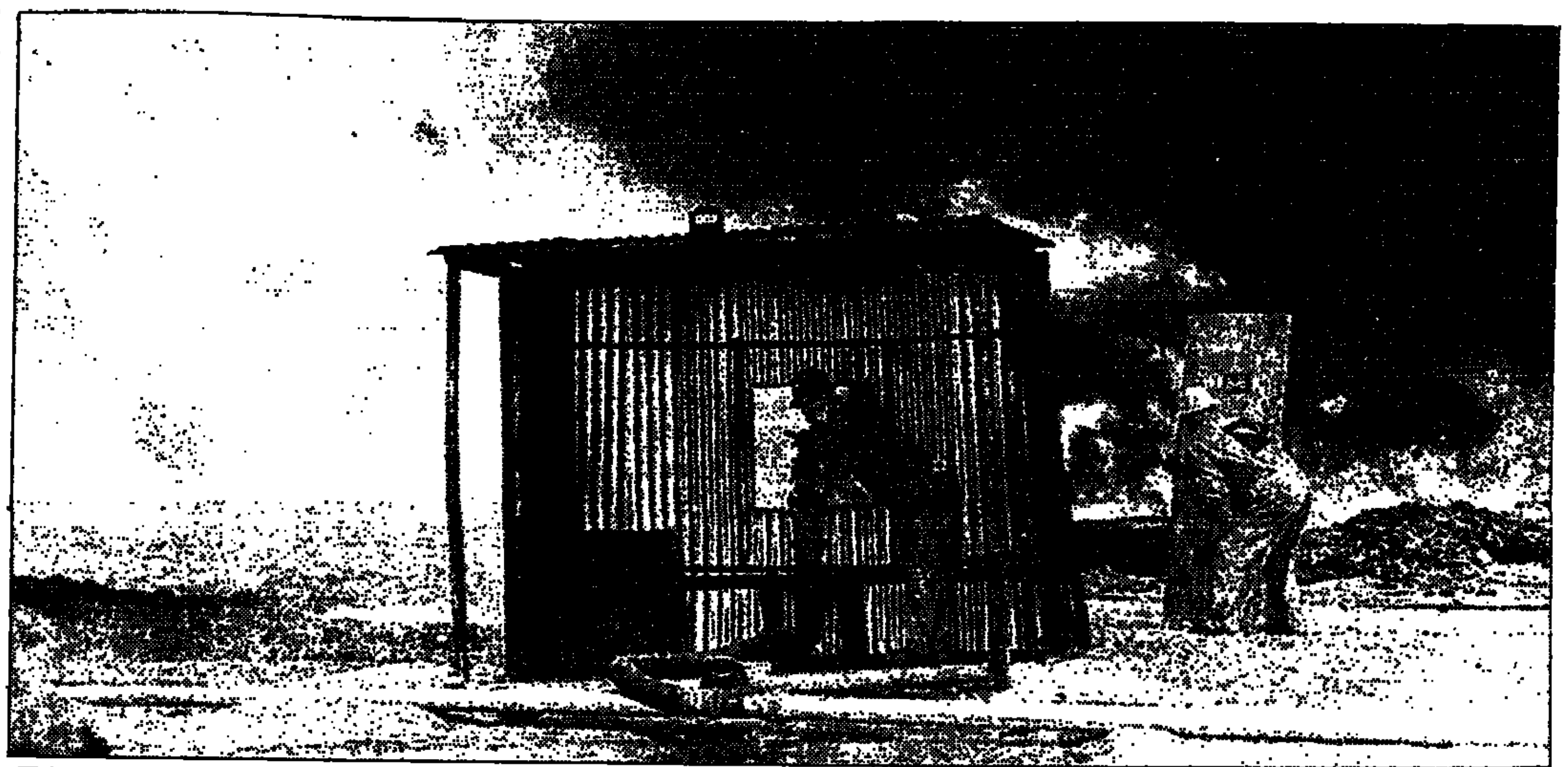
Although senior officials in Jerusalem have been unable to disguise their excitement about the visit, Mr Bessmertnykh is expected to deliver this blunt message and others to Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, and David Levy, the foreign minister, when he meets them in Jerusalem during his five-hour stopover. The issue of the settlements has plagued American-led peace efforts and has attracted especially harsh language from the normally impassive James baker, the American Secretary of State, who returns to the region this weekend on his fourth round of shuttle diplomacy since the end of the Gulf war.

Bessmertnykh: progress blocked by settlements

The Soviet envoy emphasised in remarks made in Amman and earlier in Damascus yesterday that Moscow may be finding more common ground with Washington in its approach to the Middle East, but it nonetheless is eager to preserve its traditionally strong ties with the Arab world and to support Arab claims at the negotiating table. Syria and other Arab states have agreed to Mr Baker's proposal for regional peace talks but want the negotiations to be used as a means of enforcing United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which call for Israel to withdraw from all territory occupied in the 1967 war, in a return for peace with its neighbours.

"The viewpoints of Syria and the Soviet Union are identical on the peace process, the peace conference, its structure, its continuity and the participation of the UN and the Europeans," said the Syrian foreign minister, Farouk al-Sharaa, at a joint press conference with Mr Bessmertnykh in Damascus yesterday at the end of the Syrian leg of his journey. The Soviet mediator said there were some "difficulties to overcome" but said that he had not encountered many in Syria.

Those remarks do not bode well for his first trip to Jerusalem where Israeli leaders will tell him that Syria's position is unacceptable. Israel wants to avoid negotiating at the conference and instead talk directly to each of its Arab neighbours seperatly. In particular, it rejects the concept of "land for peace" and UN participation, and has reacted cooly to European involvement.



Fighting fire: workers protected by shields of sheet metal attempt to put out one of the many oil-well fires started by the retreating Iraqis, near Kuwait City. As work on putting out the fires continued, Kuwaiti ministers abandoned their limousines yesterday and took a bus tour of the oilfields. The crown prince and prime minister, Sheikh Saad al-Abdulla al-Sabah, and his cabinet inspected the fire-fighting work.

Iraqi special forces move into Dahuk

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE war of nerves round Dahuk escalated yesterday when 2,000 Iraqi forces moved into the town, reinforcing fears that President Saddam Hussein is unwilling to give up the provincial capital as easily as he surrendered the town of Zakho. Many Iraqi troops left the city after the first American forces arrived on the outskirts on Sunday, but Captain Chris Mulholland, a US marine officer in northern Iraq, said that members of Iraq's 66th Special Forces Brigade had moved in since then.

No date has been set for an allied push into Dahuk, but it is expected to take place early next week when the American troops will be joined by British and French soldiers. The politically sensitive move would not then be seen as a purely American operation.

US reconnaissance planes flew over Dahuk yesterday to check on Iraqi gun emplacements. Allied officers said they had received assurances from a representative of Saddam that Iraqi troops would avoid shooting incidents, such as the one on Wednesday when American naval planes came under fire from anti-aircraft artillery gunners.

Saddam's guns target the Shias

From ADAM KELLIHER IN BASRA

STATUES of 90 fallen soldiers stand along the Shatt al-Arab waterway pointing towards Iran, the foe that has borne the heaviest burden of President Saddam Hussein's strategies of nation building. But beneath the monuments and away from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, their comrades still in arms point their weapons at another enemy: the Shia citizenry now feeling exposed as America pulled out from south Iraq yesterday.

The job of protecting people in the demilitarised zone from Saddam now passes to the 1,440-strong United Nations force. But from their tanks and machinegun nests, through patrols and surveillance, the Iraqi military hopes to hunt down the worm within, the Shias who chose to rebel against Saddam in the power vacuum that followed the Gulf war.

The event climaxed a cathartic decade for Basra, frequently hit during the Iran-Iraq war, hammered during the Gulf war, and gutted during the 20-day battle between Shia insurgents and a merciless military. "The Americans destroyed the things that these people could not destroy and these people destroyed the things that Bush could not destroy," said one war-weary shopkeeper. "Basra was a flower 15 years ago. Now even the river water is no good."

The city is strewn with monuments to poisonous politics. Because Basra housed concentrations of troops and hardware linked to the Kuwaiti occupation, allied bombs rained down. many falling on surrounding civilian areas decreed strategic in coalition control rooms.

Virtually every bridge was severed, many large buildings obliterated, and hulks of burnt-out ships litter the waterway that is Iraq's only access to the sea. But beside every building levelled by bombs and missiles, there was evidence of a meaner and more intimate battle, the street-by-street fighting that took place when the army returned. Official buildings were burnt, and most city streets carry the scars of bullets and cavities left by shells.

Residents interviewed in circumstances in which they could speak freely said the government's popularity is about zero in Basra. They said the insurrection began spontaneously when thousands of deserters and demoralised troops flowed back into the city after surviving the intense allied bombardment during their escape from Kuwait.

Some said the fighting was sparked by zealous Iranian infiltrators. But most said the insurrection came naturally to soldiers of Shia stock who constitute the bulk of the army's enlisted ranks. and who craved for revenge after the *débâcle* in Kuwait.

Lebanon calls on tourists to return

From JUAN CARLOS GUMUCIO IN BEIRUT

IN A fine example of Lebanese entrepreneurial optimism, Mounir Kawar, a balding Beirut travel agent with a pencil moustache and an exclusively Arab clientèle, was planning yesterday to expand his small office in Baalbek Street, only hours after the government formally announced that foreign businessmen and tourists were being invited to drop their fears and begin visiting the country again.

"It will take time, but we will certainly see better days," said Mr Kawar, who still recalls the morning in June 1976 when he said he last dealt with a foreign tourist. "God willing, we will have lots of foreigners again. One has to be prepared and wait."

In an unparalleled expression of self-confidence, the government yesterday cordially asked foreigners who fled the violence and kidnappings in Lebanon to return to Beirut, saying their safety would be fully guaranteed.

Eager to see Beirut regaining its key financial role in the Middle East, the Syrian-backed government of President Hrawi said that the perils of the civil war had disappeared for good. General Sami al-Khatib, the interior minister, said: "Lebanon is now dangerous only for terrorists."

Already heavily guarded by Syrian plain-clothes agents, the airport is being expanded as airlines from Jordan, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and the Soviet Union have resumed operations and Middle East Airlines, the national flag carrier, has brought back its fleet of Boeing 747s for the first time in years.

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Iodine cure for Bush's ailment

From REUTER IN WASHINGTON

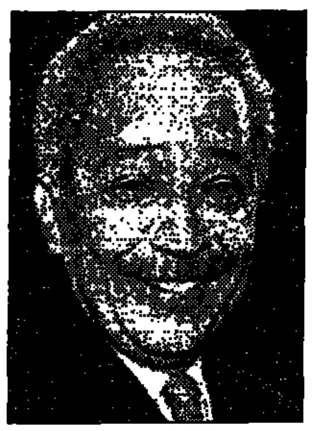
PRESIDENT Bush began taking radioactive iodine yesterday to control an over-active thyroid gland that was the cause of a heart ailment which landed him in the hospital last weekend, doctors said. The doctors said Mr Bush suffers from Graves disease, a thyroid condition that also afflicts his wife, Barbara.

Doctors determined on Wednesday that the president, who is 66, has slightly elevated hormone levels secreted from his thyroid gland and said this was the cause of his erratic heartbeat. His doctors released their official diagnosis of Mr Bush's ailment at Bethesda Naval Medical Centre hours after he underwent more tests there on his over-active thyroid.

Colonel Kenneth Burman, a US army thyroid specialist who is also treating Mrs Bush's Graves disease, said President Bush would drink doses of radioactive iodine for two weeks and received the first dose yesterday morning. Colonel Burman said he believed controlling the thyroid gland will stop Mr Bush's atrial fibrillation.

New York's mayor seeks sacrifices as fiscal wolves close in

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK


Dinkins: special plea on prime-time television

FACED with the biggest troubles since New York's brush with bankruptcy in the 1970s, the mayor, David Dinkins, took over prime-time television on Wednesday night to try to convince citizens that the fiscal wolf was at their door. His sombre survey of imminent disaster, broadcast live on all main television channels, was an attempt to win the attention of a blasé populace and appeal for a spirit of sacrifice over the heads of hostile trade unions and state politicians.

"We simply do not have the resources to pay for what we need," Mr Dinkins said. The city, which is suffering from record rates of crime and social upheaval, must come up with at least $3.5 billion (£2 million) to bridge a gap in its $29 billion budget for the year starting in July.

Under a "doomsday plan" announced last weekend, the city is to turn off a quarter of its street lights, drain its swimming pools, shut its homeless shelters and drug clinics, close several museums and libraries and sack more than 20,000 workers, including 5,000 teachers.

The Central Park Zoo, a prime tourist attraction, is also to be closed — an action that has prompted an outcry as well as a spate of cartoons about homeless crocodiles and monkeys joining the tens of thousands of vagrant beggars.

Mr Dinkins, who took office 17 months ago as the recession was beginning to bite, spent much of his 30-minute speech making clear that this gloomy vision was not an attempt to cry wolf and frighten the unions and the state into compromise. These would be "some of the most difficult, painful, budget cuts that our city has ever had to confront," he said.

His emotional appeal evoked memories of a similar broadcast 16 years ago this month by the then mayor, Abraham Beame. Weeks later Governor Hugh Carey stepped in to rescue the city from bankruptcy, a step that paved the way for the boom of the 1980s but also saddled the politicians with the supervision of a state financial control board.

If the city slides more than $100 million into deficit, the board is obliged to intervene and take municipal finances out of the mayor's hands, a step that would spell political doom for Mr Dinkins — as it did for Mr Beame — and destroy the unions' bargaining power. Mr Dinkins, elected as a soothing figure after the racially acrimonious years of Edward Koch, has come under fire from all sides for failing to tackle the problem.

Gun lobby broken, page 14

Royal recital: the Princess of Wales playing the piano for Czechoslovakian orphans during a tour of the House of Children at Prague castle on the last day of her official visit yesterday. The princess visited several charitable foundations and the Bertramka Mozart museum before leaving for London. However, the Prince of Wales will be staying an extra day to inspect ecological devastation in northern Bohemia.

Prague promised new pact by Kohl

Bonn — A new but difficult pact between Germany and Czechoslovakia, aimed at ending the animosity between the two countries caused by the nazi occupation, is being negotiated in Bonn (Ian Murray writes).

Vaclav Havel, the president of Czechoslovakia, who was in Aachen yesterday to receive the Charlemagne prize for his contribution to European unity, has been promised by Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, that the treaty should be ready to sign by the end of the year.

Descendants of ethnic Germans from the Sudetenland, however, are already threatening to contest the treaty if it does nothing to protect their rights, while Czechs living in property confiscated at the end of the war fear that they will lose their homes if the treaty recognises the ethnic Germans' rights.

As part of a package of sweeteners, Herr Kohl has promised the president that he will give every support to a Czechoslovak application to join the European Community. Economic, technological and scientific aid will also be offered, as well as incentives for German companies to make further investments in Czechoslovakia.

Prisoner flees

Stockholm — A Palestinian, Marten Imandi, aged 37, who was convicted of bombings in Denmark and The Netherlands, escaped from a maximum security prison by scaling a wall and commandeering a car with a shotgun, police said. Imandi was given a life sentence in 1989. *(AP)*

Germans angry

Bonn — The Soviet Union has learnt quickly how to exploit the benefits of a free market. With the Deutschmarks it was given to pull troops out of eastern Germany, Moscow is to hire a Finnish-Turkish consortium to build 3,000 homes, rejecting German bids and angering Bonn.

Activists killed

Brasilia — Hired gunmen murdered 75 Brazilian peasant leaders fighting for a more equal distribution of land last year, church leaders said in a report. This brought to 563 the number of activists killed over the last six years, the pastoral land commission of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops said. *(Reuter)*

Envoy sacked

Canberra — The Australian government was forced to sack Brian Burke as its ambassador to Ireland after a legal technicality prevented his resignation. Mr Burke, embroiled in a political scandal, had earlier announced he was leaving with immediate effect, instead of resigning. *(Reuter)*

Death wish

Paris — Fifty per cent of French people questioned in an opinion poll for *Le Parisien Libéré* newspaper said that they regretted the abolition of the death penalty ten years ago. The use of the guillotine was scrapped soon after President Mitterrand was elected. *(Reuter)*

Moscow to scrap last SS20 missiles

By MICHAEL EVANS

AT A Soviet test range 56 miles southeast of Volgograd, the Soviet Union will tomorrow begin destroying the last 21 SS20 missiles, developed to threaten West Europe. The two-day operation will be watched by inspectors from the American On-Site Inspection Agency.

The destruction of the final batch of medium-range missiles will mark the demise of one of the Cold War's most enduring symbols. The deployment of the 3,125-mile-range SS20 missile in 1977 forced Nato governments to reassess the nuclear threat facing Europe and led to American Pershing 2 and ground-launched cruise missiles being based in Britain, Germany, Belgium and Italy.

The proposal to counter the Soviet SS20s with similar missiles was made by Helmut Schmidt, the German Social Democrat chancellor, to ensure that the United States remained locked into European security.

Under the Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, signed in December 1987 by President Reagan and President Gorbachev, it was agreed that all limited items would be destroyed by May 31. The United States destroyed the last Pershing 2 missiles on Monday at the Longhorn ammunition plant, near Marshall in Texas.

● **WASHINGTON:** The House of Representatives' armed services committee has voted to reduce the strategic defence initiative budget by $1.6 billion (£950 million).

Spanish dons tilt at EC over tilde

An attempt by European Community bureaucrats to eliminate a Spanish letter from computer keyboards sold in Spain provoked a near-revolt in the literary world yesterday.

Reacting to a demand from Brussels to do away with the requirement that Spanish keyboards include the "ñ", the Spanish Royal Academy called an emergency meeting and an industry ministry spokesman said: "We're going to defend the 'ñ' to the very end, like a cat on its back."

The sound of "n" without a tilde accent is similar to that of the same letter in English, but "ñ" is pronounced more like "ny", as in "señor". According to the EC, the Madrid government's rules, which make the "ñ" obligatory, represent an unfair restriction on trade, since standard keyboards elsewhere in Europe do not have the letter and such keyboards cannot be exported to Spain.

Spanish-language scholars and writers, however, insist that "n" is not the same as "ñ". A milking machine (*ordeñador*), for instance, would become a computer without the accent over the "n".

The director of the Spanish Royal Academy, Manuel Alvar, suggested that the EC could do away with the French cedilla or the umlaut. Another academy member, Gregorio Salvador, fumed: "We're not going to endure the disgrace of having to oblige people whose family names are written with 'ñ' to change their names. The EC has lost a sense of proportion of its own capabilities."

The writer, Juan Benet, said that it would be hard to convince Spain to accept the change, since it would require changing the name of the country, España. The curious part is that many computers are imported, in defiance of the Spanish regulation, bereft of the "ñ". One way to assuage the wrath of the academy "immortals" and at the same time standardise keyboards involves a change in software, as well as hardware, which would incorporate the tilde alone as a symbol on all European keyboards.

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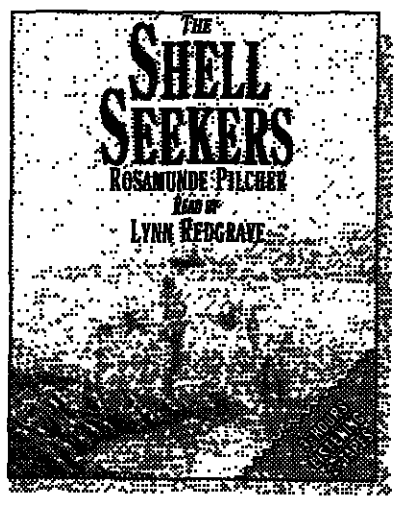

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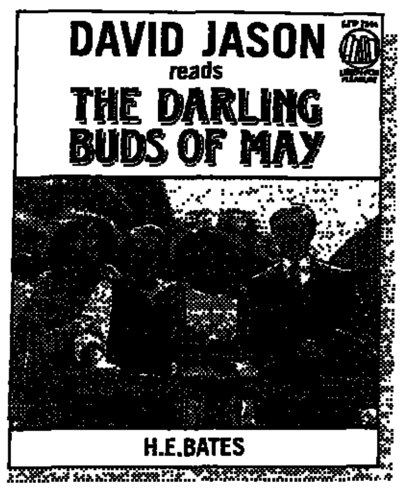

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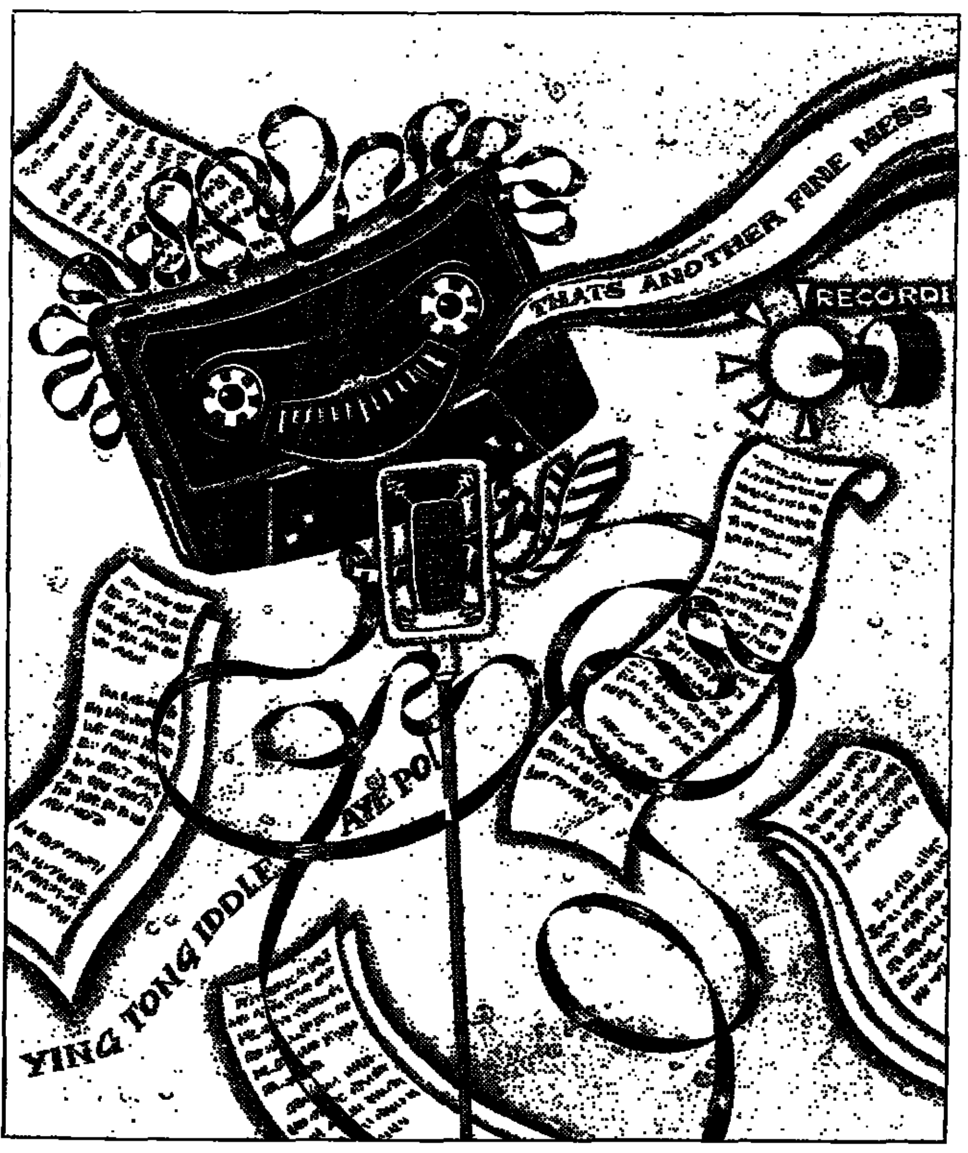

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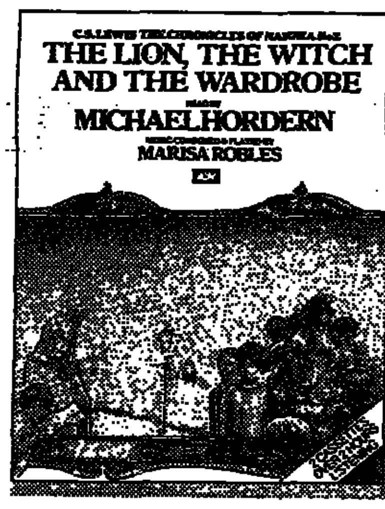

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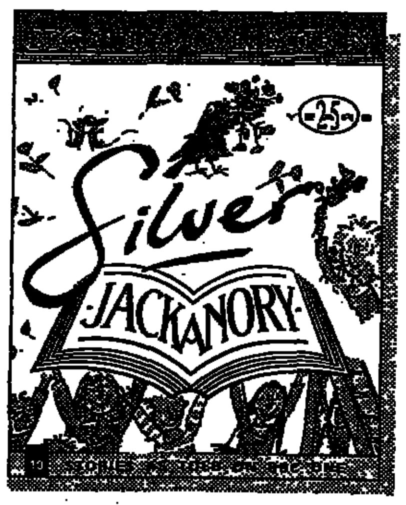

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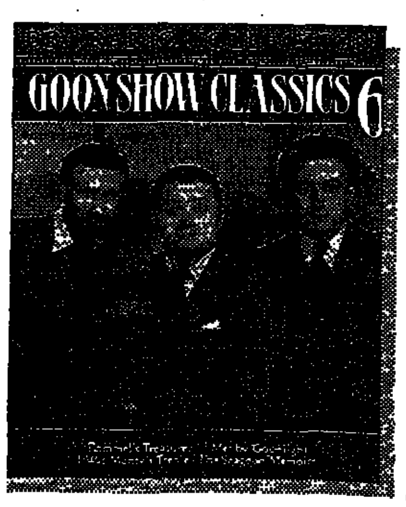

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Tudjman turns his back on Belgrade peace agreement

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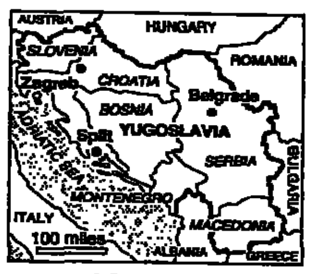

FRANJO Tudjman, the president of Croatia, yesterday angrily denied that his republic had ceded any sovereignty in an agreement which his own representative had signed only hours earlier. He himself did not take part.

The deal ordered the disarming of all civilians and paramilitary groups in Croatia and the demobilisation of reserve police and was hailed as an important breakthrough in attempts to resolve Yugoslavia's constitutional problems and avert a military takeover.

Speaking at a press conference in Zagreb, Dr Tudjman said that he would not negotiate with the leaders of Croatia's rebel Serb area, whom he dubbed "terrorists". He added that it was out of the question that regular and reserve policemen could be disarmed, but he conceded that they could be demobilised in areas where there was no tension.

The collective presidency said after reaching agreement that the Yugoslav People's Army should be responsible for the implementation of its decisions. Dr Tudjman said he accepted that the army had a role to play in preventing ethnic conflicts in Serb-populated areas of Croatia, but he flatly rejected that only the army and federal police could enter them.

While Dr Tudjman's statements appeared to slam the door on any real progress, they may have been intended for domestic consumption to ease suspicions that his government had given in to pressure from what in Croatia is considered a Serb-dominated army.

The presidency's six-point plan also calls for the creation of a group made up of an equal number of representatives of the republic of Croatia and delegates from the Serbian minority to examine "all political questions which are deemed to be the cause of the crisis". These issues would include "the right of the people to self-determination and secession".

Earlier in the day, in Belgrade, a spokesman for the federal government said that the agreement "created the political atmosphere that will enable the republics to get talks going on the future and it is especially important that in the present phase the republics frontiers are also recognised by all as any unilateral changes, now or in the future, cannot be done without provoking conflicts which could easily spread beyond Yugoslavia's frontiers".

Under the terms of the agreement, both the main protagonists, Serbia and Croatia, appear to have compromised. Before Dr Tudjman's statement, the agreement that only the army and federal police could operate in rebel Serb areas was thought to be an important measure designed to reassure the Serbs, who are haunted by memories of mass killings and genocide committed by forces of Croatia's wartime fascist state.

The clause on self-determination and secession would appear to be an important concession by the Croats, since it seems to open the way to talks about autonomy for the rebel Serbs, which Dr Tudjman has resolutely refused to consider.

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Moscow marchers hit happy note

From MARY DEJEVSKY
IN MOSCOW

DEFYING the present chill in Soviet-US relations, young Russians and Americans paraded side by side through central Moscow yesterday to mark Victory Day, the anniversary of the end of the second world war in Europe. Soviet army cadets and an American high school band, led by six motorcyclists bearing the Soviet and American national flags, marched down Gorky Street in front of onlookers, some proudly displaying the medals they had won in war.

The previous evening, in another joint endeavour, Red Square had been floodlit for a peace festival and pop concert in aid of the Soviet Red Cross and Red Crescent societies and children's charities. The contrast between this year and last year, the 45th anniversary of the end of the war, could hardly have been greater. Last year at 10am, just as the carnival parade was mustering noisily to start the mile-long trek to the Kremlin, Red Square was hushed for the command that would inaugurate one of the biggest military parades in memory. This year the martial tunes accompanied a cheerful throng that stopped periodically to straighten the lines and shake out the instruments.

Victory dance: two war veterans in Gorky Park celebrating the 46th anniversary of the defeat of nazi Germany

Celebrations for Victory Day, usually the occasion for the Soviet leadership to encourage a particularly aggressive brand of patriotism, were this year not only shared but tempered by an acknowledgement of the many costs of war. The change of tone appeared to recognise a widespread public feeling that celebration was inappropriate. "What victory?" people had asked, contemplating the changed face of eastern Europe and the ruins of Communism around them. Soviet troops also paraded through Riga and Vilnius. Thousands of Russian-speaking people attended the commemoration, which was addressed by local Communist and military leaders who vowed to defend Soviet power in the troubled Baltic republics.

Armenia fears new attack

From ROBERT SEELY
IN YEREVAN

TENSION on the border between the Soviet republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, where 31 Armenians have been killed since May 1, has eased, according to the Armenian government.

Attacks on Armenian villages inside the republic have stopped, although the Armenian interior minister yesterday claimed that forces belonging to the Soviet interior ministry and Azerbaijan militia were massing around Armenian towns near the Nagorno-Karabakh region in western Azerbaijan.

Ashot Manucharyan said: "Since 10pm on Wednesday the shooting has stopped, but the situation inside Nagorno-Karabakh is very tense. We fear that military operations could start there at any minute."

The total of Armenians killed in the fighting, both along the border and in the now empty and levelled Armenian villages of Getashen and Martunashen in Azerbaijan have been officially estimated at 48, although the figure is expected to climb to over 100 when all the bodies are recovered.

Mr Manucharyan said: "The number of victims from the border areas are 13 militiamen and 18 civilians dead, plus five wounded militiamen and 16 civilians."

Yeltsin triumphs in pits

By MARY DEJEVSKY

MINERS at two of the Russian Federation's biggest coalfields were expected to return to work this morning after voting to end their nine-week strike. The decision means that Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation, has won a singular political victory and one of the greatest threats to the Soviet and Russian economies has been at least temporarily averted.

The vote by miners in the Kuzbass field, in the Urals, and Vorkuta, in the north of the republic, was taken in the light of the nine-republic agreement, signed by both President Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin. The deal allowed the republics to take over a range of responsibilities previously exercised by the central authorities and it said the coalfields could be transferred to the jurisdiction of the republics if the workers wished.

The transfer of the coalfields from the centre to the Russian Federation was enacted this week in a document signed by Vitali Dobuzhiyev, a Soviet deputy prime minister, and Yuri Skokov, a deputy prime minister of the Russian republic. The subsequent strike ballot, held on Wednesday, favoured a return to work in spite of some misgivings about the transfer of jurisdiction.

Gay Soviet spoof hooks the press

From BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

WHEN a couple of Moscow wags decided to feed the local press a spoof story about a miner turned gay activist campaigning for the presidency of Russia, they did not imagine it would catch the attention of international news agencies and editors.

The respected business weekly, *Commersant*, was the gullible target of a playful campaign to convince people that Roman Kalinin, aged 40, a former coal miner in Siberia and "leader of the Homosexual party", was running for president. *Commersant* solemnly reports, in its current edition, that about 700 delegates from two similar organisations — the Libertarian party and the Association of Sexual Minorities — had nominated Mr Kalinin for president at a May Day meeting in a Moscow forest.

To be more precise, the "nomination process" began during the party congress in the woods, but it was interrupted by the police, who accused participants of drunkenness and drug-taking, activities Libertarian party rules by no means prohibit. Proceedings, we are told, had to continue in the flat of Yevgeniya Debranskaya, a colourful Moscow personality and well-known campaigner for the rights of lesbians.

As the story was being printed in *Commersant*, another of the pranksters convinced two of Moscow's best independent news agencies — Interfax and Postfactum — to take it seriously. Since then it has been reproduced by leading newspapers of the Russian republic, Italy, Denmark, Greece ... and in the last 48 hours caught the attention of both Reuters and Tass.

To set matters straight: Roman Kalinin does exist, but he is a 25-year-old Muscovite science student. He is also editor of an occasional publication on minority sexual tastes. It is true, as the article states, that Mr Kalinin has met the mayor of San Francisco, but not that the day on which this encounter happened has been designated Roman Kalinin Day by the state of California.

Both Mr Kalinin and Miss Debranskaya know the jokers and agreed to play along. Mr Kalinin has had enormous fun answering calls of the world's press, telling Tass that he would open Russia's borders, abolish the army and slash the price of vodka. So much that he is actually thinking of standing for president.

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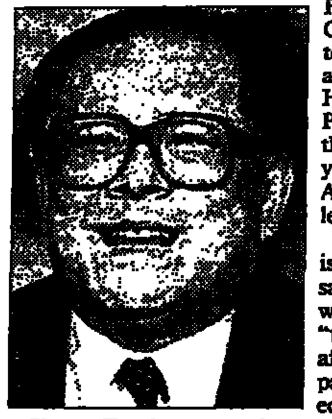
China defies US as links with Soviet Union mend

By CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS CHINA and the Soviet Union effectively declared an end to 30 years of cold war yesterday, Peking said it was not afraid of a breakdown in relations with Washington. China's Communist party chief, Jiang Zemin, is to attend a summit meeting with President Gorbachev in Moscow next week. A Soviet embassy spokesman here said that the Soviet defence minister, Marshal Dmitri Yazov, and Chinese leaders had agreed in talks this week that the two countries no longer posed a threat to each other.

Although President Gorbachev's Peking summit in 1989 normalised relations, suspicions remained about military ambitions. Yesterday's statement indicates that such tensions have been resolved and may herald an era of military co-operation. China's defence minister, Qin Jiwei, who will accompany Mr Jiang to Moscow next week, is expected to discuss sales of aircraft and weapons.



Jiang Zemin: attending summit in Moscow

Relations between the two communist giants soured in the late 1950s in disputes over ideology and foreign policy. Clashes broke out along their disputed border in the 1960s. As Sino-Soviet ties strengthen, however, Peking's relationship with Washington is steadily weakening. The end of the cold war between Washington and Moscow has meant that China has lost much of its strategic significance for American policy-makers. Sino-US ties are at their lowest ebb since the Tiananmen Square killings on June 4, 1989.

Many American congressmen want China's "most favoured nation" status removed because of continued human rights abuses, missile sales and other trade infringements. Diplomats here believe President Bush may be more wary now in trying to salvage bilateral ties. Mr Bush must decide by June 3 whether to renew for another year the trade status that gives Peking's exports to America the lowest possible tariffs.

Adding to congressional pressure on Mr Bush not to renew the accord, Fang Lizhi, a leading Chinese dissident, this week urged him not to extend the concession. Mr Fang, who is doing research at Princeton University, accused China of using prison labour to produce goods for export and restricting immigration. He and his wife were put on Peking's most wanted list after the 1989 killings and spent a year in sanctuary in the American embassy before leaving for exile last June.

The Chinese foreign ministry spokesman, Wu Jianmin, said yesterday that if America withdrew the trade concession "there will be nothing to be afraid of, and China is prepared for it". He acknowledged that the special status was the cornerstone of Sino-US economic and trade relations, but gave a warning that China would reject any American conditions – such as an improvement in human rights – attached to the concession.

"Attempts to force the Chinese government to change its policies by exerting pressure on it will lead nowhere. China's policies ... will not be changed by external pressure," he said. "We do not want to see the deterioration of Sino-US relations, but this does not depend entirely on China."

Armed escort: Lee Gi Tack, the president of the Democratic Party, being taken away by riot police during a demonstration against *President Roh in Seoul yesterday*. About 20 party members were arrested in the capital and more than 200,000 people protested in several South Korean cities, some scrawling their demands in their own blood (Reuter reports). Tear gas was fired almost continuously in Seoul as more than 120,000 students and workers threw petrol bombs, stones and bits of pavement at the outnumbered riot police. About a dozen officers were beaten with steel pipes and disarmed. Their equipment was burnt in the streets. It was the largest demonstration in the city since protests in June 1987 forced the military government of Chun Doo Hwan to concede democratic reforms. The protests were called by the dissident Chonminyon coalition to mark the first anniversary of the founding of President Roh's ruling Democratic Liberal party.

Bill breaks grip of gun lobby

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AFTER multimillion-dollar lobbying campaigns and debate of rare intensity, the House of Representatives passed legislation on Wednesday night to impose a seven-day waiting period on all purchases of handguns. The bill is a mouse in itself, but the 239-186 vote is of far wider significance.

For the first time the iron legislative grip of the National Rifle Association has been broken and some semblance of sanity could yet be restored to a land where in many states it is as easy to buy a gun as a bar of candy.

There are an estimated 200 million guns in private hands in America, and they cause roughly 30,000 deaths a year through accidents or deliberate killings. Many more Americans die from guns in their home towns each week than were killed during the entire Gulf war. Last year was the deadliest in American history and a recent congressional report showed a murder rate of 10.5 per 100,000 Americans compared to 0.8 in England, 1.0 in Japan and 1.2 in Germany.

Despite the statistics and regular cases of crazed gunmen running amok, the NRA has until now been able to ward off any significant gun-control legislation by virtue of its formidable lobbying power. It not only contributes heavily to campaign funds, but inflames its 2.8 million members by claiming that any form of gun control would be the thin end of the wedge and a violation of their constitutional right to own guns.

The moment the NRA's power began to wane can be traced to March 30, 1981, the day John Hinckley tried to assassinate President Reagan with six shots from a $29 (£11) revolver. He wounded the president and left Jim Brady, his press secretary, brain-damaged and paralysed for life.

Call to organise famine relief

By DAVID WATTS
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

THE growing problem of African hunger will take a "humanitarian Schwarzkopf" if the continent is not to be devastated by famine, says the director of Oxfam just back from a tour of Ethiopia and Mozambique.

Frank Judd was "devastated" by what he found: a burgeoning disaster, which seems likely to be worse than the apocalyptic events of 1984-85, with up to 6.5 million people facing famine. Only a humanitarian leader to co-ordinate relief efforts could retrieve the situation, he said. His warning followed the announcement by the United States that it is to broker talks between President Mengistu's marxist government and the clutch of opposition groups that have been trying to overthrow him since he took power 14 years ago.

The planned peace talks come as guerrilla fighters close in on the capital, Addis Ababa, and the government itself has proposed a peace commission to open talks with the rebels. Fighters of the Tigré People's Liberation Front are said to be less than 100 miles from the capital.

The American-sponsored negotiations are expected to take place in London later this month and are the key to eliminating 30 years of civil war and centralist policies of President Mengistu which have bedevilled the country's precarious food supplies. The meeting will be chaired by assistant Secretary of State, Herman Cohen. In addition to representatives of the Ethiopian government, members of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, the Trigré People's Liberation Front and the Oromo Liberation Front will also be invited.

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Transport fails as Bangladesh relief pours in

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DHAKA

INTERNATIONAL relief supplies are starting to pour into Bangladesh. But as medicines, food and tents pile up, formidable transport problems are hampering its distribution to millions of destitute people.

Government agencies, relief workers and aid organisations are appealing for helicopters. Ten days after the world's deadliest cyclone, precisely 11 helicopters are ferrying food to the starving. Care, the American relief agency, said: "We are overwhelmed by the enormity of the task. The situation is getting worse, not better."

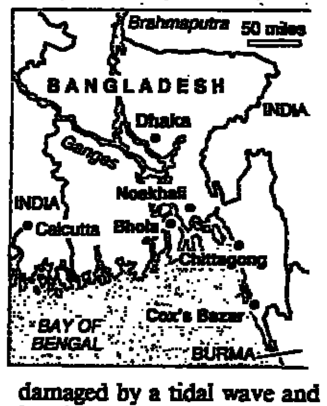
Britain is sending two helicopters and the United States has promised five. It will still not be enough. And as if Bangladesh had not already taken enough of a beating, severe storms raged through the south last night.

The inadequacy of valiant attempts to reach vast numbers of people stranded on offshore islands was all too evident yesterday aboard a 300-tonne cargo ship, the MV Raythome, at Dhaka docks on the Burriganga river. Here, part of Britain's relief effort was being hastily organised to try to help the island of Hatiya, with a population of 350,000. The consignment of goods on board will be enough for 5,000 families for only two weeks, yet getting it to them is a logistical impasse.

Porters were loading the vessel with food, paraffin, matches, clothes and medicine. The £30,000 cargo, part of Britain's relief package, left last night on an 18-hour river route to Hatiya, nine miles off the mainland. Weather permitting, it will anchor offshore today and lower supplies on to rafts and boats. The ship's owner, M. D. Aladuddin, a wealthy businessman, is donating enough bamboo, wood and corrugated iron sheeting to build 100 houses. Britain is hiring the ship from him cheaply. "It is my duty to help," he said with a smile.

Thirty tonnes of high-protein biscuits arrived in Dhaka by air yesterday from the British Red Cross, the first substantial contribution of emergency food to have reached the Red Cross-Red Crescent in Bangladesh. India has promised ten tonnes of food and clothing every day for the next nine days. Switzerland is sending ten tonnes of biscuits. A jumbo jet loaded with food arrived from Australia on Tuesday, and a large consignment of emergency goods is arriving from the United States today.

It will all have to come to Dhaka, because the airport control tower in the southern city of Chittagong was damaged in the cyclone. In addition, the only runway was damaged by a tidal wave and it might not survive a heavy battering from relief aircraft.



The islands are mostly dependent on helicopters. Few trawler men are willing to risk their boats in the rough weather that continues to pound the coast. Relief agencies are unhappy about using them because of the danger of capsizing. When produce does reach the islands, the only transport available is cycle rickshaws and bullock carts, which are proving effective on the badly damaged roads.

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Punjab rights record attacked

London – Amnesty International is urging Indian political leaders to use the forthcoming elections to commit themselves to ending seven years of "rampant human rights abuses" in Punjab, where Sikhs are agitating for a separate state (David Watts writes). Copies of the group's latest report, which gives details of arbitrary arrests, torture and killings, have been sent to the leaders of all the parties competing in the elections.

In spite of recent official orders to release Sikhs detained on minor charges, Amnesty says 10,000 Sikhs are being held without trial under anti-terrorist laws that the United Nations Human Rights Committee calls "completely unacceptable".

Amnesty reports that the torture and murder of government opponents is routine. There were 4,000 political killings last year. That toll includes hundreds of Sikhs killed in fake shoot-outs staged by the security forces.

Boat people hurt in camp clashes

Hong Kong – Forty-four Vietnamese boat people were injured in two clashes at a Hong Kong detention centre and one was shot by police during an alleged burglary attempt, officials said.

Two Vietnamese were sent to hospital with stab wounds after fighting broke out at the Hei Ling Chau detention centre. Two gangs of Vietnamese later fought with home-made weapons in a dormitory at the same camp. Earlier, police shot a suspect in a bungled burglary after he was alleged to have tried to attack an officer. *(Reuter)*

Judge's ruling

Los Angeles – A judge has said an 11-minute videotape of a black motorist being beaten was violent enough to justify the indictment of four police officers. Rodney King, the motorist, has also filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against the city of Los Angeles, the police chief and and police officers. *(AP)*

Convicts killed

Johannesburg – Two convicts helping to push a police van were killed when a car swerved into them in Orange Free State. Police said the van, with eight convicts in the back, broke down on its way from a prison at Vereeniging. A third convict was slightly injured.

Border alert

Karachi – Pakistani troops have been put on high alert after clashes escalated between Indians and Pakistani forces on the line of control dividing the disputed state of Kashmir. Several civilians were reported killed by Indian shelling in Azad Kashmir, the Pakistan-controlled part of Kashmir.

Chuting star

New York – A Texan identified as John Vincent, aged 23, blew bystanders a kiss, let out a whoop and jumped off the top of the 110-storey World Trade Centre, then opened a parachute and glided to a perfect landing. *(AP)*

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Pretoria 'blind eye' helps Zulus

ANC claims of collusion between the rival Inkatha Freedom party and the state security apparatus in fomenting violence are gaining credence, Gavin Bell writes

A SINISTER pattern is emerging from the mayhem in South Africa's black townships which has cast suspicions on the role of the government and its principal black ally, the Inkatha Freedom party.

There is no longer any doubt that the most belligerent forces in the conflict are marauding bands of Zulus wearing the distinctive red headbands of Inkatha.

Fired up with alcohol and tribal zeal, they repeatedly swarm from migrant workers' hostels, which they have transformed into virtual armed camps, to ravage the dilapidated, matchbox-house communities and the squatter settlements around them.

The African National Congress is far from blameless, having antagonised its rivals and encouraged anarchy by destroying black town councils, which it regards as vestiges of apartheid. But in most cases, the clashes are being fought on the one side by a heavily armed Zulu commando force and on the other by a ragtag army of stone-throwing youths.

Security forces are often present when trouble is brewing but rarely take action against the Zulu mobs. Reporters cite numerous eye-witness accounts of riot police turning a blind eye to the Inkatha war parties and then training their guns on angry local residents. Police are routinely more aggressive in confiscating weapons from ANC supporters than from their opponents, although a disregard for human lives and property on both sides is apparent.

The ANC has been claiming for months that elements in the state security apparatus are stoking the violence in collusion with Inkatha, to undermine and destroy the ANC. Independent commentators who initially dismissed such allegations are now questioning Pretoria's strategy.

The reluctance of the government to divest Zulus of so-called "cultural" weapons, such as spears and clubs, and the transparent bias of the police are tarnishing President de Klerk's reformist image. It is widely held that Mr de Klerk's National party is anxious not to antagonise Inkatha, which it sees as a powerful black ally in a post-apartheid era. More than six million Zulus constitute the biggest ethnic group in South Africa.

Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha president, made his views clear last weekend when he protested vigorously against police attempts to search hostels in Johannesburg for weapons. In the event, the Inkatha brigades were tipped off and massed in their thousands to confront the police, who duly withdrew. ANC sympathisers suggest that if the hostel dwellers had been ANC supporters the police would have opened fire.

Aside from the arguments, the facts give rise to disturbing perceptions which the government has failed to dispel. Its convoluted attempts to distinguish between "traditional" and "aggressive" weapons – between spears and meat cleavers, for example – does not impress those attacked. Its failure to purge the security forces of discredited elements, despite criticism by two judicial commissions into specific incidents, is not reassuring.

The ANC ultimatum to the government which expired yesterday was based on demands for measures to curb the violence. If Nelson Mandela, the ANC deputy president, and his colleagues decide to suspend negotiations with Pretoria, there is a growing body of opinion that they may be justified in doing so.

From where Mr Mandela sits, he perceives the government colluding with Inkatha to destroy his organisation amid the wanton slaughter of his constituents. Mr de Klerk is clearly having difficulty persuading him otherwise. After discussions between them, the ANC said yesterday it would not comment until the full executive committee had deliberated on the outcome.

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When a woman is retired, hurt

Mrs Thatcher's 'shattered' life focuses attention on a problem of retirement

WHEN Margaret Thatcher told *Vanity Fair* her life had been shattered like a pane of glass the day she was summarily ejected from Downing Street, she demonstrated how work investment may not always yield positive returns — particularly for women.

Professor Richard Schilling, emeritus professor of occupational health at London university, says: "One sees what Mrs Thatcher is going through in the man who has been a director of a big organisation, has had a lot of stress, has to go at 65 and has nothing to take its place. It is possible that, with more women in big jobs, work will become a greater investment in their lives and they, like Mrs Thatcher, may become devastated when they have to leave."

Where now? Mrs Thatcher

Dr Richard Smith, the author of *Unemployment and Health* (Oxford University Press, 1987) and the executive editor of the *British Medical Journal*, believes that "the evidence is now coming out that the over-55s suffer more than any other group because they are most attached to their job. On the whole, middle-aged women working full-time are much like men."

Employment, Dr Smith says, "gives a sense of purpose in life which, in years gone by, might have come from religion. It gives a sense of belonging to a wider community." For women whose children are grown up, or those who chose a career before family life, the attachment to work can be particularly powerful.

Margaret Howard, the presenter of BBC radio's *Pick of the Week*, who was axed after 17 years with the programme, said at the time: "No wonder men go into a terrible decline when they lose their jobs. Your identity goes. It's not just the money. It's the whole persona, swept away."

This week the GMB general trade union released a survey showing that 67 per cent of women put job satisfaction at the top of their list of priorities, well above pay (33 per cent) and fringe benefits (3 per cent), and they considered it much more important than men to get "credit when a good job is done" (23 per cent).

Anne Moir, the co-author of the book *Brain Sex* (Mandarin, £4.99), sees these findings as a sign that "men are becoming more like women, rather than the other way around: not so single-minded, and looking for enjoyment in their work instead of just money and status. Generally, women are more multi-focused than men, and should therefore be less shattered by enforced retirement since we have kept up other interests."

A recognition that men and women might respond differently to the loss of a job has persuaded the Pre-Retirement Association, an educational charity which advises companies on pre-retirement education programmes, to "explore the idea of creating a special programme for women, who go through different transitions from men." Companies already running successful pre-retirement education schemes include Ford, Leyland-Daf and ICI.

The association recommends "pre-retirement counselling beginning in your forties, rather than just a year or two before you intend to retire, so that you can do the necessary planning to facilitate the transition".

Some women, Professor Schilling points out, can find "looking after a home and having a good social life after an active working life quite refreshing and challenging". But not women like Mrs Thatcher, who told *Vanity Fair*: "Home is where you come to when you have nothing better to do." Nor, perhaps, many of the women in the GMB survey, who may have been seeking in their work a pride and approval they never found at home.

VICTORIA MCKEE

Libby Purves meets Ron Pollard, the bookie who sets the odds on Miss World, US presidents — and general elections

Tipping the wink on an autumn poll

STEPHEN MARKESON

Hat trick: Ron Pollard doffs his Grand National boater and waits for the phone calls from candidates

To be part of national folklore is a heavy responsibility: cruising through north London in search of Ron Pollard's house, my taxi-driver was expecting a touch of Hugh Hefner with high-security gates and a distant glitter of swimming-pool and bimbo: something suitable for the most famous bookie in the world. The modest suburban villa, with Mr Pollard outside in a dark Rotarian suit helping Mrs Pollard into her car, was a cruel let-down. "You here already? Marvellous, perfect," said Mr Pollard, smiling the famous snaggletoothed smile. I told him what a disappointment his house was to the driver. "You didn't think I was a Flash Harry, did you?" he said confidently. "Course you didn't. You read my book."

This is the autobiography of a man who left school at 14 to work as a bookmaker's clerk, and who in 1963 ran the first public betting on a political contest. He thanks Christine Keeler for his career: in 1959 he and a friend had secretly worked out odds for the election (accurately, it turned out), but had not quite dared to put the idea to Cyril Stein, the Ladbroke's boss. The Profumo affair and the fall of Macmillan cast a certain pall of seediness over politics, however, which created an ideal atmosphere for a trial book on the Tory leadership. Although Sir Alec Douglas-Home (now Lord Home) romped home a 16-1 outsider, it was a huge success and the way was clear. Since then Mr Pollard has predicted the results pretty accurately in every general election except 1970, and in all the American presidentials. He also scored a victory over the French psephologists by being the only man to tip Giscard d'Estaing over François Mitterrand in 1974.

He has spent a quarter-century setting the odds on events as various as Miss World, the archbishopric of Canterbury, the Booker prize, the return of Elvis and the likelihood of aliens taking over the British government by 1992. He rules out only "royals, hostages, life and death. I'm really sorry I went along with the Elvis Presley stuff, but it was a Monday morning and they got me on the hop. Apart from the taste thing, if he walks in that door now, we're down three million." He made a fortune many times over for Ladbroke's, after a rocky start in 1964 when it looked as if he might be wrong about the Labour victory and bankrupt the company. "I rang my mum to say I was going to end it all." Labour won, and the fun began instead.

By this barefaced hijack of British public life Mr Pollard has carved himself out a unique way of life: there are not too many careers offering both the thrill of urgent personal calls from the Commons and the White House, and also the chance to dress up in a false moustache and waiter's uniform at the Dorchester to infiltrate the rehearsals for Miss World.

"Don't think it's all about money," he observes, leading me through the spotlessly tidy house to his glass study at the back. "That's not why people bet. It's for ego. They want to be right about something." Any idea that the odds are actually set by a team of Ladbroke's statisticians and actuaries, fronted by Mr Pollard's PR skill, is scornfully brushed aside. "Experts? I wouldn't believe them. I take in knowledge from everywhere, from papers and books and documents and people at cricket matches, but it's me that does the balancing. The one time I got a professional reviewer to set odds on the Booker, it was a right cock-up. Now I read a bit of the books and then make my own mind up."

On and around the desk cluster the tools of the trade. There is Hansard and *The Racing Calendar*, a fat, tattered address book in which is the number of the Khrushchev aide in Moscow whom Mr Pollard (a lifelong socialist) used to ring up to condemn the wrong turnings of Soviet socialism. By the time Mr Pollard has been telling stories for an hour, the collection is augmented by a straw hat ("when we saved the Grand National, there was a rule that all the Ladbroke's directors had to wear boaters because you can't not feel happy with a boater on") and his retirement present, a bottle of House of Commons whisky with the label signed by both Neil Kinnock and Margaret Thatcher.

> *'In 1987 I was in Kinnock's office. I told him, "not this time, Neil"'*

All his life he has longed to be an MP. "I've walked into that central lobby a hundred times and not once has the hair failed to stand up on the back of my neck. Either I've been there in another life or I'm going to come back." It would have to be a Labour seat, of course. "I grew up poor, and I'll always be a socialist. John Major [illegible] — he's a lovely, nice man, but I can't see how anyone who's lived in a tenement and had to cook on the landing can ever be a Tory. There's a mystery there somewhere." Several times he has been offered the chance to fight a seat. "But I couldn't afford it, could I? It would have ruined my impartiality." This must be jealously guarded: knowing the self-fulfilling value of predictions, politicians often lean on him. "This October I'll have a hundred candidates on the phone again asking how they're going to do."

The reference to October indicates that Mr Pollard has made his mind up: early November for the election, and a Labour victory by a narrow margin. One must absolve him from wishful thinking: he has wanted one since 1979 and refused to predict it. "In 1987 I was in Neil Kinnock's office, and I told him 'Not this time, Neil. You can't do it all at once.' And he sprang up from behind his desk and came to sit next to me with a notebook, trying to show me how he actually could win. I told him no."

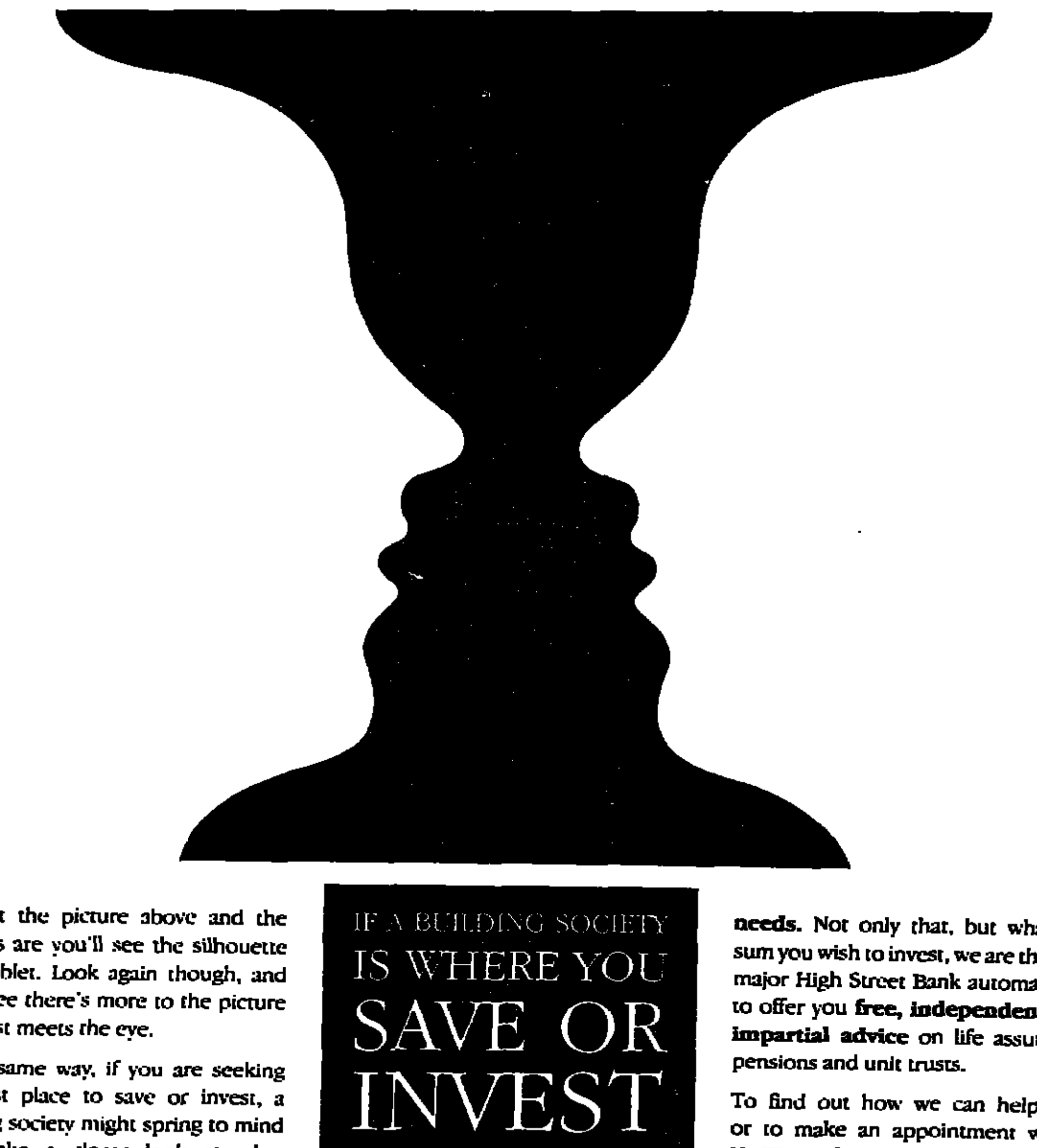
He is unable to explain exactly how he works out odds on elections, but shares the secret of the timing. "If he goes into next year, he's lost, right? It won't be June because" — he glances sidelong, wondering whether to reveal the reasoning — "because, well, I've been a working-class boy like he has. And if I were in his position, I think I'd want, just once, to be the star at the party conference. That's in early October: then he can send the troops out to fight a three-week campaign." It is notable that back in February, with the prime minister high in the polls, an unimpressed Mr Pollard was saying the same thing. "I could have told them people wouldn't wear the poll tax. Looking into the future, I'll tell you something else they won't stand for: hospitals opting out."

His best successes have been by knowing what "the people" will go for. He has trouble with tennis and with the Oxford professorship of poetry, but has hardly ever failed to pick a winning Miss World favourite. "It's the 500-year-old Chinaman on my shoulder," he says airily.

This Chinaman, his spirit guide revealed by a psychic 40 years ago, has long been a tabloid favourite and Mr Pollard refuses to disown him now. "No, no, he's real. Everyone's got a spirit guide." So if he is supernaturally guided, why can he not get the Oxford professor of poetry or the Wimbledon champion, and why did he tip Bishop Eames instead of Bishop Carey? "Oh, because I don't listen to the Chinaman, I suppose." An engaging roar of laughter. But he admits his quality of judgment, and recognises it instantly in others. Rupert Murdoch, for instance. "I abhor his attitude to unions, but he seemed a very nice gentleman otherwise. And he's got an eye, like I have."

● *Odds & Sods by Ron Pollard will be published by Hodder & Stoughton on May 28 (£14.99)*

Kate Muir is on holiday



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Being sensitive about safety

How, and to whom, the Terrence Higgins Trust directs its information about Aids and its avoidance

A call for an end to government funding for the Terrence Higgins Trust, the Aids charity, has raised a threat to Britain's largest specialist organisation providing counselling and support to people affected by the disease. A government grant of £450,000 a year provides almost a quarter of the charity's income, and is an important signal of the official approval which has helped it win support from local councils, 50 charitable trusts and more than 80 corporate donors.

A pamphlet published this week by Family and Youth Concern (FYC) claims that the trust has sent "homosexual propaganda" to teenagers below the age of consent. It calls for an official enquiry into the trust's activities. FYC says that a member wrote to the trust recently under an assumed name, pretending to be "a gay who is 17 years old" and asking for help in spreading awareness of homosexual issues in his youth club. The trust, FYC claims, sent leaflets describing safe sex techniques in direct terms, and also posters which FYC describe as "erotica . . . crude, explicit and sometimes degrading".

Attitudes to what is acceptable in publicity about the dangers of sex have changed dramatically since the advent of Aids. References which some people find deeply offensive have become commonplace. The incident highlights the problems the trust has in aiming its message at young people.

"We know that we are addressing a number of different audiences," says Nick Partridge, the deputy chief executive of the trust. "It is important to keep putting the message across in the gay community, but it is at least as important to ensure that young people in general know about the risks. Sex education needs to start long before sexual activity."

Material designed to be displayed in a gay club, and to catch the eye of members without being unduly menacing, will naturally be very different from material that might be shown to school children. The trust has produced a video, *Aids, Have You Got It Taped?*, in conjunction with London university's Institute of Education, which it will send to those schools which request information.

MARC ASPLAND

Help on Aids: Nick Partridge in the trust's London office

The video is accompanied by an information pack offering contacts for further details and advice and guidance notes for teachers.

"We get an amazing number of enquiries from young people who have seen *EastEnders* [one of the characters in the television soap has become HIV positive through a heterosexual affair] and want to know more," Mr Partridge says. "We do not seek to encourage, but to inform. Our material for classrooms and youth clubs is designed to be used by a responsible teacher or leader. I know of no cases where material has gone to young people for whom it is not appropriate."

Ideas of what is appropriate differ greatly, however. The posters complained of show male torsos and genitals, but nothing approaching vigorous sexual activity. They are designed specifically for gay clubs and are not normally sent out to individuals, the trust says. Whether they are pornographic or not is a matter of opinion.

The output of posters, equivocal or not, is only a small part of the work carried on at the trust's crowded and cramped offices near King's Cross, in London. The frontage is like a shop-front, with a large board proclaiming the trust's name and a window display of T-shirts celebrating Hysteria, the trust's sister charity which raises funds through showbusiness promotions of the kind pioneered by Live Aid.

This shop-front was controversial at first among trust members. Some felt that it might provoke attacks, or deter Aids victims from seeking help, in case they were recognised going into the building. On the whole these fears have not materialised, although security at the door is vigilant, partly because some Aids victims are unstable drug users.

Today the trust has a paid staff of about 60, and hundreds of trained volunteers who man its helpline, and its counselling and befriending services in the Greater London area.

The trust has been criticised in the past as a "gay cultural ghetto" by Aids workers who are especially concerned with other groups vulnerable to the disease. Its recent publicity is aimed increasingly at homosexuals and heterosexuals alike. Evidence of an incipient spread of Aids among heterosexuals has caused a sharp rise in the number of heterosexual men and women who call the trust's helpline. In 1990, 53 per cent of calls related to heterosexual intercourse, and 35 per cent were from women. "As many as 85 per cent of calls are from 'the worried well'," Mr Partridge says.

Health education takes up about a fifth of the trust's budget.

The largest group of volunteers within the trust are the 400 "buddies", who provide practical and emotional support on a one-to-one basis to patients who are dying from Aids. The oldest buddy is 75 and the youngest 18; one in three of them is a woman.

The atmosphere in the office is surprisingly buoyant, considering the grim nature of the trust's work, and the controversies over policy which have affected it, in common with other charities in this field, where emotions are highly-charged. This may be because its staff are dealing with individuals who can be helped in perceptible ways, however inexorable their ultimate fate.

"Everybody knows that young people below the age of consent do sometimes have affairs," Mr Partridge says. "We are not in the business of proselytising. We want to find the most effective means of telling them that whenever they start an affair, gay or straight, there is this virus about which is a killer. The grim reality of Aids is that the worst is yet to come."

GEORGE HILL

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OPERA: MAGGIO MUSICALE

Cinematic eye finds gold in rare Hindemith

Paul Griffiths applauds a bold festival production of *Cardillac*

The present Hindemith revival is offering opportunities to re-examine works that have for decades lain neatly labelled and boxed up in the cellars of musical history. For instance, there is a standard view of *Cardillac*, his first full-length opera (now being staged in Florence), that sees it as a morality play. According to this reading, the central E.T.A. Hoffmann character of a Louis XIV goldsmith, murdering his clients so that he can retrieve his creations, becomes a metaphor for the artist.

But perhaps this was only how Hindemith wanted the work to be seen after his recomposition of it in 1952, following two other operas which more clearly address the place of the artist in society: *Mathis der Maler* and *Die Harmonie der Welt*. After all, his withdrawing of the original *1926* score was itself a Cardillac-like act, and the quarter-century between the two versions had given him good reason to doubt what art might achieve outside the studio.

In 1926, though, he was surely more optimistic, more engaged. His stupefying output of that period does not suggest a misanthrope hoarding his treasures; indeed, the volumes of music he produced for children and amateurs convey rather a confident, dedicated sense of social usefulness. We are left with the question, therefore, of how to interpret the *Cardillac* of 1926, and in particular of how, if at all, the opera can be seen as part of a campaign of creative action in society. Liliana Cavani's new production has the boldness to invite some rethinking.

The updating helps. A perturbed fascination with the *inter-war period is something* this production perhaps gains from Cavani's films, such as *The Night Porter*. But by placing the action in the time of the work's composition she allows her cast to explore how much Hindemith is talking about his society rather than *about himself*.

Suddenly we seem very close to Kurt Weill. Here *again is a world of uniform* solitaries, a world where the only connections between people are made through money and sex, usually interchangeable. In this context Cardillac, treating art as possession, seems an image not so much of the creator as of the consumer, and the opera becomes, like Weill's collaborations with Brecht, a condemnation of the materialist culture that has cramped it into the shape it has.

As Bruno Bartoletti's vivid and generous conducting makes plain, the evidence is there in the music: in the constrained harmony, the hectic *but held rhythm, the* melodic openings that always get checked or clogged, the tawdry *seductions of debased* jazz. These are the sounds of 1926, and of course they feel more *native to* a 1926-style production. However, the violence and abruptness in the work *are not necessarily* answered by the lovingly detailed recreations of Dante Ferretti's sets and Gabriella Pescucci's costumes, nor by the naturalistic behaviour these mould onto their inhabitants.

This is where Cavani's film-maker's eye sees the wrong picture. Perhaps the luxurious bedroom sprawling over this large stage is an apt image for the rampant mercenary decadence of the Cavalier and the Lady in the first act, but the overload of careful reproduction in the metro-station sets for the framing scenes is counter-productive. The theatre is crueller than the cinema in this respect. The closer the attempt at imitation the more one is aware, however admiringly, that one is looking at a stage set.

If the decor goes against the grain of the medium, so does the action. Cavani will not accept that singing is a legitimate activity in opera, but must always be trying to explain it, or even explain it away, as when the Cavalier has to deliver his exultant aria as if against another man who is silently trying to calm him down. Moreover, making the piece look normal is no response to its jagged dramatic outline, or to the violent unnaturalness of Hindemith's ways of setting dialogue, which he makes into formalised exchanges or, in the love scene, subsumes into purely instrumental conversation.

Ashley Putnam: a sweet and unaffected Daughter

That is just one element that goes to make *Cardillac* awkward to sing and awkward to cast. Here there are excellent performances from Ashley Putnam, sweet and unaffected as the Daughter, from Salvatore Ragonese as a vigorous macho Cavalier, and especially from Marcel Vanand in the title role, singing and acting with great force, and yet showing a heartless hollowness in the dark scrape of his voice. There is splendid work, too, from the chorus, in a work that begins and ends as much a choral drama as the *St Matthew Passion*.

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London exhibitions by four contemporary women artists, reviewed by **John Russell Taylor**

This is wondrous strange

Strangeness may not be *enough to make an artist*, but it certainly helps. The world that **Phillippa Clayden** depicts *is* undeniably odd, and her technical ways and means are hardly less so. Curiously, the oddity *of her imaginative world pushes her* nearer to a central thread of British art, rather than reinforcing her *isolation. Though the British* often seem to pride themselves on being matter-of-fact, the most consistent *trend* in art, *at least since the* Romantic Revival, has been away from documentary and off in pursuit of the visionary gleam.

Clayden's imagery frequently seems to be that of the dream. Her characters are often visibly asleep, resting in the shadow of a hill. Or else, as in the extraordinary diptych *Splatt House*, they float effortlessly and fearlessly through the air above green slopes and houses. Even if they are not asleep, they seem to be day-dreaming what happens around them, for surely the recumbent *Couch Potato* is imagining the solitary rider in the distance, rather than having placed his couch on the open upland. An astonishing thing about the world so vividly conjured up is its complete absence of *angst*. The sleepers sleep peacefully, assured that the bogey-man will not get them; the high-fliers float as confidently in the air as others might in a swimming pool.

Though the material sounds surreal, organised Surrealism is not what comes to mind. Analogies that occur more readily are Palmer and Blake in their pastoral mode, the late Meninsky of the Arcadian dream-world paintings, and of course the wartime neo-Romantics such as Vaughan, Minton and Colquhoun, who might have contributed the tight, crabbed lines of the basic draughtsmanship.

The fact that Clayden was taught by Cecil Collins is significant. Though he hated to be called a neo-Romantic, he was central to the Forties re-exploration of hidden springs. But if she has learned something from Collins, it has not been his miniaturist tendencies: she is a painter who works well on a large scale.

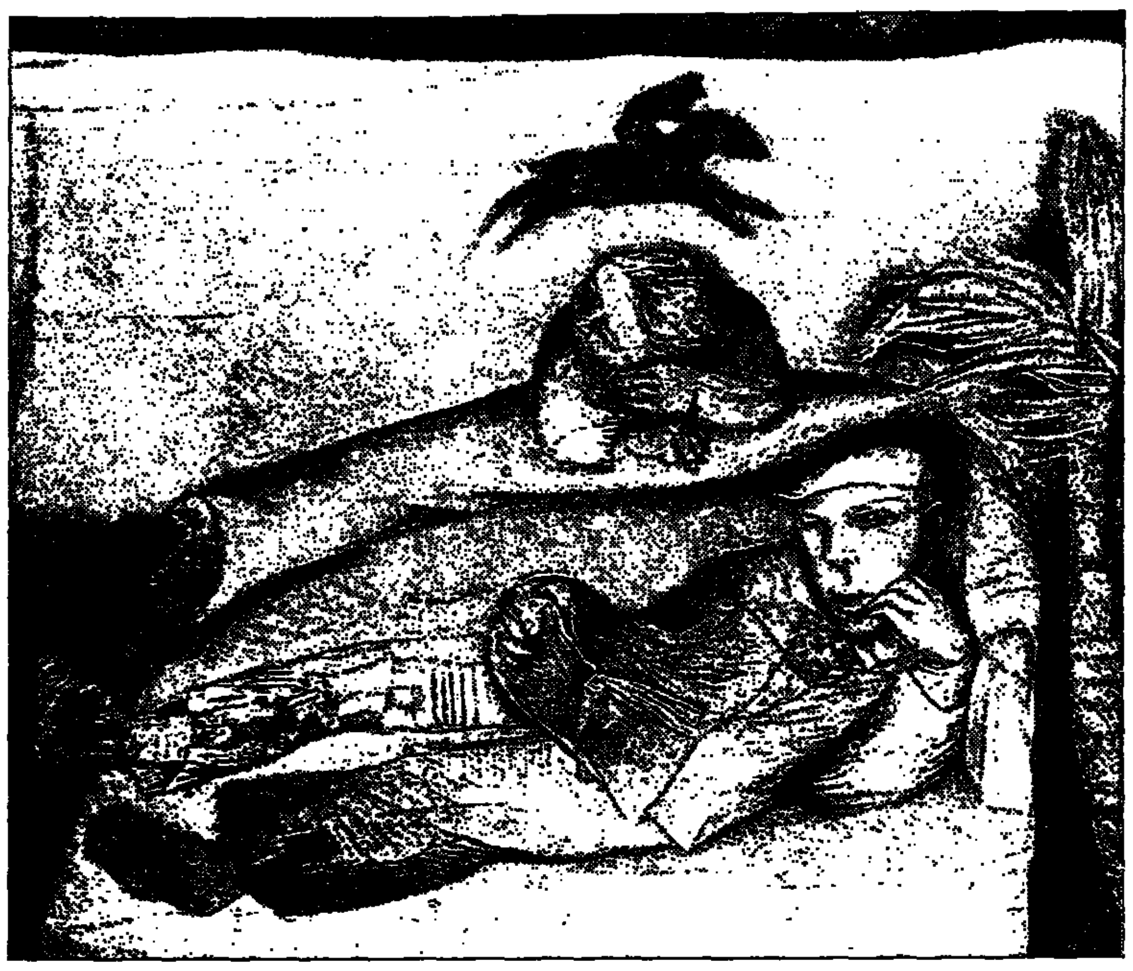
Clayden is willing, like many of our brighter young painters, to speculate on what her paintings may mean. But like the rest of them, she denies any final authority in the *matter. The subject-matter* is shaped, largely, by her eccentric use of materials: most of the larger works are on fabric which has been crumpled and cut and cobbled together, so that the intrinsic irregu*larities suggest* figures and landscape forms which are then worked out in a long and sometimes painful *process of evolution*.

The only explanations Clayden will present with complete authority are technical: *she can say for sure* that she felt this or that was lacking in a composition, this or that was otiose, and how she gradually shaped what she had nearer to the heart's desire. Clayden has already won prizes and citations, but her new show at the Boundary Gallery indicates a decisive leap forward. Her sense of colour has never been richer nor her wit as pointed as her wisdom. She emerges as a major figure, capable at this juncture of going wherever she wishes to go. She is bound to do it with the certainty of a sleepwalker.

> *'Clayden is a major figure, capable now of going wherever she wishes to go'*

Laura Ford is altogether more capricious. In March I was writing about a show of her recent works on paper. Now that has been followed by a major show at Benjamin Rhodes, which includes large paintings in acrylic and sculptures on related themes. At the same time she is showing similar work along with Hermione Wiltshire at Riverside Studios. It plays further with one of her pet themes, the ambiguity of the organic world, where what seems gentle may be menacing.

Most of her static works, these days, refer in some way to these alarming reversals of expectation. The fibreglass sculptures of a little girl mingle moppetry with menace: she may be Little Orphan Annie, but why is she toting those guns, and why does her head have a disturbing tendency to become something else: a tight cabbage rose or a gorgon-like entanglement of shifting shapes?



Dreamer: Phillippa Clayden's *Couch Potato*, with rider in the distance, at the Boundary Gallery

The lambs that bounce through her paintings or stand proud in her sculptures do not appear to be the sort one might care to tangle with in a deserted lane. The interleaved teddy bears in the painting *Shag Pile* appear to be the victims of a murderous assault, and even the flowers are likely to have their tongues hanging out as though they have been recently throttled. Thomas the Tank Engine forges through it all, unconscious of any problems, but even he cannot finally be invincible. Ford's work should probably be greeted with the sound of nervous laughter: it is funny, but usually also appalling.

Lacy Jones, in her new show at Flowers East, continues to develop her now familiar style. A sometimes wilfully childlike way of depicting people and objects is illuminated by a brilliant range of Post-Impressionist colours, so that the result is sometimes disconcertingly like one of the early German Expressionists such as Kirchner or Heckel.

Sandra Blow has seemed in the last few years to be in a sort of wilderness — not surprisingly, perhaps, as the Royal Academy's token thorough-going abstractionist. But after drifting around in search of new ideas, she has suddenly pulled herself and her art together, and in the show of recent work at Francis Graham-Dixon she takes on new authority and precision.

The paintings are still abstract, but now she goes in for bolder colours, mostly set off against gleaming white, and strongly defined shapes. Art which was, until recently, woolly has become incisive. The effect is a tonic.

Phillippa Clayden. Boundary Gallery, 98 *Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624* 1126) Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, until June 15.

Laura Ford. Benjamin Rhodes, 4 New Burlington Place, W1 (071-434 1768) Mon-Fri 1-6pm, Sat 10.30-1.30pm, until June 8.

Laura Ford/Hermione Wiltshire. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-741 2251) Tues-Sun 1-8pm, until June 9.

Lacy Jones. Flowers East, 199-205 Richmond Road, E8 (081-985 3333) *Tues-Sun 10am-6pm, until May 26.*

Sandra Blow. Francis Graham-Dixon, 17-18 Great Sutton Street, EC1 (071-250 1962) *Tues-Sun 11-6pm, until* May 26.

RECORDS: ROCK AND JAZZ

Heart of the soul of the Sixties

Various Artists: The Complete Stax/Volt Singles 1959-1968 (Atlantic 7-82218-2)
Pere Ubu: Worlds in Collision (Fontana 848564-1)

AS HOVIS is to brown bread, so the Stax/Volt labels were to Sixties' soul. With a roster including Otis Redding, Booker T and the M.G.s, Eddie Floyd, Sam and Dave, Rufus and Carla Thomas and Albert King, the Memphis-based company Stax, and its subsidiary Volt, created and defined a Southern soul sound that was rougher, bluesier and funkier than that of the black pop being produced by the Motown empire in Detroit.

The entire catalogue of Stax/Volt singles from the labels' most influential period has now been gathered together to produce a monumental boxed-set of nine CDs. At a price of £110 and a running time of more than ten hours this digitally mastered, copiously annotated artefact is a fitting testament to one of the most remarkable bodies of recorded work in the history of popular music.

So many of these songs are, quite simply, indispensable: "Green Onions", "Respect", "Hold On! I'm Comin' ", "Soul Man", "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay", "B-A-B-Y", "Soul Finger", "You Don't Know Like I Know" among others. Many more, such as Rufus Thomas's "Walkin' the Dog" and Otis Redding's "Pain in my Heart" provided rich pickings for the first wave of British R 'n' B groups such as the Rolling Stones, a process which was later reversed with mixed results when Redding recorded the Jagger/Richards hit "Satisfaction" and the Bar-Kays tackled Lennon and McCartney's "A Hard Day's Night".

Inevitably, a lot of the material is less familiar, although the keen sense of musical identity which binds this embarrassment of riches together guarantees many pleasurable discoveries while setting the fruits of this golden era in context.

Soulful: Otis Redding

Pere Ubu has been trying for some time to trade in its old "avant-garage" tag for something a little more commercial. As singer David Thomas explained at the time of the group's last album, *Cloudland*, "... a pop record was the radical thing to do".

Worlds in Collision is a continuation of that "radical" pop direction, with many a danceable beat and tune bent in the service of Thomas's pungent, wobbling tenor. "Goodnite Irene" is a splendid mix, with Scott Krauss's cracking snare underpinning a gaily soaring chorus.

But, despite the charm of the group's compositions and Thomas's infallibly opaque lyrics, there is always an eccentric twist lurking at the heart of the straightest Ubu song. This is the odd X-factor which keeps the card-carrying Ubu fan intrigued but will continue to throw casual listeners off the scent.

DAVID SINCLAIR

ROCK NEWS

- SOURCES close to **David Bowie** suggest that he is about to become the first Western act to sign a recording contract direct with JVC, the Japanese conglomerate. An official announce*ment is* expected next week.

- In the wake of his heavily over-subscribed residency at Hammersmith Odeon, **Sting** announces another round of English dates at Whitley Bay Ice *Rink (091 252 6240)* Nov 25; International Arena, Sheffield, Nov 26; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) Nov 29, 30; Brighton Centre (0273 202881) Dec 2; BIC, Bournemouth (0202 297297) Dec 3; Apollo, Manchester *(061 273 3775)* Dec 5, 6; NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) Dec 7, 8.

- A nostalgic return to the glory days of sun, surf and song is on the cards when **The Beach Boys** play BIC, Bournemouth (0202 297297) June 15; Brighton Centre (0273 202881) June 16; G-Mex, Manchester (061 832 9000) June 17; SECC (031 557 6969) *June 18; NEC*, Birmingham (021 780 4133) June 23; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) June 24, 25. The Boys no longer have a UK recording contract, but to tie in with the visit, Epic plans to release ten of their old albums on *CD* for the first time, including *Holland* (1973), *Surf's Up* (1971) and *Sunflower* (1970).

- **Suzanne Vega, Clannad, Janis Ian, Steve Earle, Roddy Frame** (of Aztec Camera) and **Gene Clark** (*of the original* Byrds) are a few of the surprisingly varied roster of names so far confirmed for the Abbot Ale Cambridge Folk Festival (Box Office: 0223 463346) July 26-28.

Broadening range

Cleveland Watkiss: Blessing in Disguise (Polydor 849 075)
Cannonball Adderley: The Best of Cannonball Adderley (Capitol Jazz CDP7-95482)

NOT a scat solo in sight: Cleveland Watkiss's collection of songs will be a surprise to those who have heard him only with the Jazz Warriors, after which he seemed destined to remain an acquired taste. **Blessing in Disguise** is a welcome departure, but is unlikely to please purists.

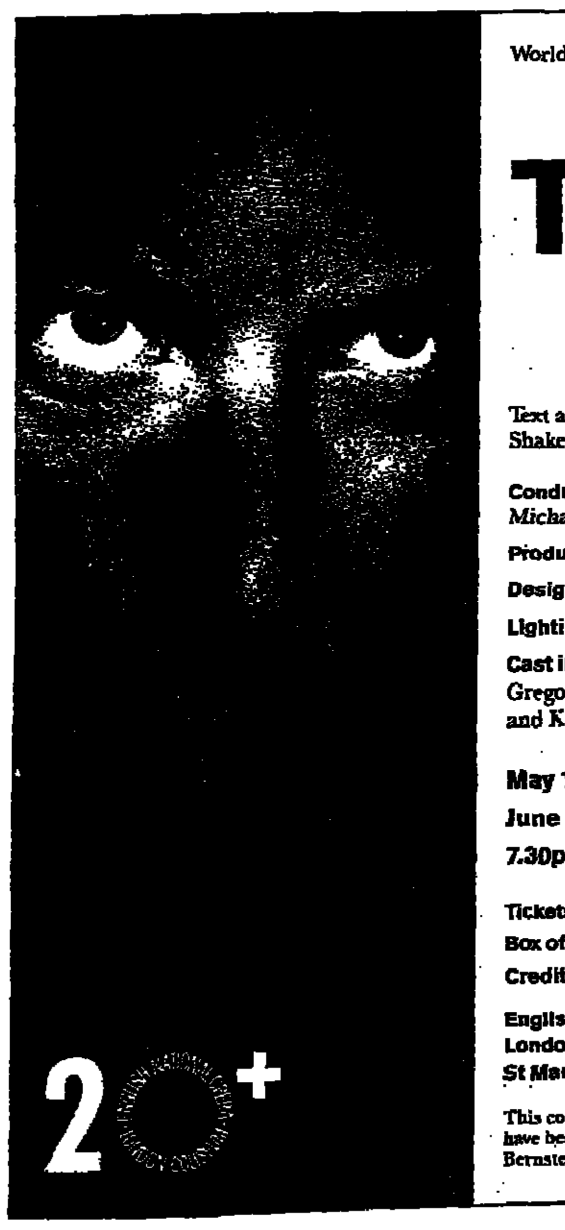
Looking to broaden his appeal, Watkiss has exchanged vocalising for conventional singing. The commercial production values should win him as much soul and reggae airplay as jazz.

While the emphasis is on crossover appeal, Watkiss makes sure he surrounds himself with reliable jazz personnel. Courtney Pine and Branford Marsalis are the two biggest names, but the outstanding contribution comes from the percussionist Talvin Singh, whose versatile drumming adds flavour to the multi-cultural endeavours.

Watkiss is in fine voice throughout, but printing the lyrics in full on the sleeve was not such a good idea. The jarring rhymes and agit-prop sentiments on some of the tunes show that he probably needs to shake off the influence of Steve Coleman and Cassandra Wilson.

Strictly speaking, any Cannonball Adderley compilation that fails to include a generous selection from the Blue Note album *Somethin' Else* can only be second best. But, as a retrospective of his tenure with Capitol, **The Best of Cannonball Adderley** holds up well enough, helped by the reassuring groove of "Country Preacher" and "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy".

CLIVE DAVIS



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The negative attitudes of railway workers could be transformed by rewards for good performance, says **Janet Daley**

Run the trains on carrots not sticks

By all rights, most of working life in London this morning should have been consumed with catching up on yesterday's lost business, but at the last moment the rail unions relented over their tube-strike threat. The tone of all the participants in the settlement was noteworthy. Conciliatory attitudes are in; brinkmanship is out.

Jimmy Knapp seems at last to have realised that unions need not inevitably cast themselves as saboteurs of productive work and enemies of the customer. In the last year he has metamorphosed from industrial wrecker to commuter's friend. As a public relations tactic, presenting oneself as the champion of a safe, reliable service certainly beats nihilism. The wording of statements from both sides is now benign. Concern for passengers as a top priority suggests there has been a revolution in union reasonableness, but whether the new image is any more than a publicist's ploy (or a concession to an embarrassed Labour party) would be easy enough to test.

A good many of LRT's problems can be traced to what a tube employee described to me as an "attitude problem" among staff. Most people in the industry agree that the negative attitude in question is the fault as much of bad management as anything else. Absenteeism, bad time-keeping, and general obstructionism are symptoms of an industrial culture in which low morale has become endemic.

If the unions want to see a reliable, "customer-friendly" service, they should be receptive to the idea of rewarding staff for good performance. Amazingly, it seems never to have occurred to anyone to offer bonuses to transport staff for good time-keeping and attendance. Resistance to the idea of merit pay goes back a long way in Britain, and certainly did not originate with the trade unions. The prime minister's new citizens' charter suggests linking pay and performance, but in negative terms: pay cuts for poor work rather than incentives for good.

British management has always preferred sticks to carrots. LRT and British Rail are only following in that unimaginative tradition. This kind of punitive bullying, in which bad performance is penalised but good performance is not rewarded, has produced a matching thuggishness in the form of union negativism.

What is peculiarly self-defeating about this management blindspot is that by concentrating on disciplinary procedures for poor performance, the industry lays itself open to militant activism. Justifying a strike in protest over a punishment is much easier than explaining why you are sabotaging greater rewards for your more conscientious colleagues.

Most disastrously for all of the passengers, the idea of punishing the unproductive is extended by government to the entire industry. Faced with an intransigent workforce which refuses to accept common-sense reforms and disciplinary procedures, government is continually reducing its support. Starving the underground into cost-effectiveness produces even greater militancy among the unions, who can blame the deterioration of service on government cuts.

Now that the unions are talking about creating an industry to serve the consumer rather than the producer, there is no excuse for not attempting to reverse the logic of working attitudes. What about a system of bonuses for 90 per cent attendance and 95 per cent punctuality, and incentives for employees to make themselves visible on station platforms? Why not make a constructive offer to those who would like to give real service to the public? Without improving the work culture of the transport industry, Labour's promised subsidies would amount to nothing more than throwing good money after bad.

Philip Howard

Reverting to hype

I hope that the concert of ageing pop stars organised in London by Jeffrey Archer this Sunday succeeds in raising the £10 million for the Kurds. Having urged them to jump into the quagmire without first making sure that Grendel was dead, we owe them a great deal. Yet the media hype is alarming. It used to be the Americans who went in for celebrity-worship. Their successful generals and politicians were mobbed by gogglers during their civil war, at a time when Gladstone and Disraeli could walk to work across St James's Park unmolested.

We British used to be too reserved to go in for such Gadarene celeb-worship, but not any more, thanks to television and the publicity juggernaut. So the machinery is swinging into action, this Sunday. The names of evermore starry celebs who have been asked to take part in the concert are leaked as "exclusives" to gullible papers, with no news at all about whether they have accepted.

I am reminded of Jeffrey's first venture into hype at (though not up at) Oxford, when he hyped a charity concert by the Beatles before they had agreed to appear. Luckily, Brian Epstein and they acceded.

Arch publicist: Jeffrey

Live Aid was a huge success for a desperately urgent cause, but it also did no harm at all to the sales and sagging reputation of sainted Bob Geldof. I hope that the stars of Sunday and of Comic Aid and all such worthy jamborees are making large personal and unpublicised contributions to the charities, as well as giving their performances "free". They are only free if you ignore their value in PR and popularity with the punters.

These hype feasts go against a good authority about how to give to charity: "But when though doest alms, let not they left hand know what they right hand doeth." This does not mean that you should put 20p shiftily and surreptitiously into the collection plate, trying to make your left hand look like a right hand putting in a £20 note. It means that you give to charity out of love and grief, and not for personal publicity, hype, and having your name called out on television for everyone to marvel at.

Most hype is concerned not with charity, but with profit. For example, Jeffrey Archer's next novel, *As the Crow Flies*, is published at the end of this month in North America, and here a week later. Already the hype mills are grinding. I was telephoned yesterday by Columbia Broadcasting to find out who would be reviewing it for *The Times*, what we think about Jeffrey as a writer, and so on.

We have not received a review copy yet, and will not do so until just before publication day. This is partly to protect serialisation rights, but it is also to build up an atmosphere of hysteria that makes this difficult to treat like a normal book. In a perfect world, Jeffrey's would be sent out with all the other novels published that week, to be read and if lucky selected for review in a straight race. Hype and the lateness of the review copy make that impossible.

No newspaper wants to be left without a review of a book that has accumulated so much hype, as a rolling snowball grows in importance as it rolls. So some poor sod (and I have an uneasy premonition who it will be) is going to have to read the 234 pages in two hours flat, and give the thing a solus review. This will be unfair on all the other better books that will get no review at all.

The quality of the book hardly matters in such cases. It would be difficult to pretend that Jeffrey writes the kind of literary novel that wins the Booker or the Nobel prize. I predict that it will be an "epic journey" down this century, full of cardboard male characters, strong on the simple emotions of ambition, avarice and revenge, and weak on the more complex emotions of love, grief and doubt. It is written by a man who has a cloth ear for language, though the crasser banalities (not all, I hope) will have been removed by an editorial surgeon. It will be bought in quantities (not as great quantities as the publishers will boast) by poor punters who cannot distinguish between hype and quality. Down with hype. Long live the Kurds.

Spokesman of evil

The Times Profile. Danny Morrison, the Sinn Fein front man finally jailed yesterday, is a cold-blooded revolutionary with an astute ability to play to the press

Danny Morrison: being a Republican means never having to say you're sorry

Putting Danny Morrison behind bars for falsely imprisoning a fellow human being may be the best legal understatement since Al Capone was jailed for tax evasion.

When the former publicity director of Sinn Fein said from the witness box at his trial in Ulster that he had made "a big mistake", he was stating a fact rather than expressing regret. The mistake referred to was the mistake of getting caught. It was an error he will rue more bitterly than others, if only because he saw himself as a candidate for a seat at the negotiating table, to which he fervently believes the British government will one day invite the IRA.

Morrison had already admitted on oath that he believed the IRA had the right to kill informers. Words are important in Ireland. The word "kill" is perceived to be neutral; the police would have preferred "murder", the IRA would no doubt have said "execute". The IRA used to mock the legal system of the state they refuse to recognise, by calling Morrison their own Lord Chief Justice.

He is believed to be the man who passed sentence in brutal backroom kangaroo courts on those convicted of "treason" in a conflict considered a war. And treason carries only one penalty. In the telling words of Alexander Lynch, the informer who believed he was living his last minutes when Morrison arrived at the house where he was held captive: "The only place you go from an IRA interrogation is to the grave." There has never been any legal evidence to convict Morrison of blood crimes, but he is certainly a believer in the "dirty hands" doctrine: that those in positions of responsibility should themselves have be willing to do anything they ask others to do.

At his trial, Morrison's defence was that as a member of Sinn Fein, an elected representative of a legal political party, he was interested only in the publicity value of revealing that the IRA had captured an informer and been humane enough to spare his life. It is a tall tale, given more credence than the practised public relations man can have hoped for in the lengthy summing-up of Northern Ireland's real Lord Chief Justice, Sir Brian Hutton.

However, the story is not entirely incredible. It is just possible that for calculated reasons of its own, Sinn Fein decided to copy those old-style communist regimes that used to humiliate confessed double agents publicly before sending them to Siberia. But one wonders how long Lynch would have survived on the streets of Belfast after such exposure.

It was a clever defence. Morrison was master of the knife-edge. The line between Sinn Fein, the legal political party, and the IRA, the illegal terrorist organisation, is one of the most keenly honed. Sinn Fein means "Ourselves alone", a proudly brandished link to the "glory days" of 1916 and 1921. The organisation takes care to stress that it supports the political aims of the IRA rather than the IRA itself. That keeps it just the right side of the law.

Morrison was one of the architects of this sleight-of-hand. He is the man who in 1981 put the concept of going to the polls "with a ballot paper in one hand and an Armalite in the other" into the Irish context. He stood for photographers in a dingy Belfast hall in the pose used by Yasser Arafat in the United Nations. It was a moment of inspired PR that he later came to regret. It made the link too obvious.

Morrison has always been a member of the old school: very much a man of the 1960s and 1970s, an unreconstructed revolutionary. He is an uncompromising abstentionist who refused to recognise the legitimacy of the Republic of Ireland's "collaborationist" parliament, the Dail Eireann. When the first Sinn Fein deputies were elected in Dublin, he was among the most outspoken opponents of them as they took their seats. He prefers jeans and leather jackets to grey suits, and even on the public relations front he is more of a hard man than a smooth talker. Whereas Gerry Adams has expressed regret over some IRA excesses, Morrison believes being a Republican means never having to say sorry.

Morrison worked hard to sell the IRA's aims to North American financial aid donors and shepherded agents of Noraid around the backstreets of Belfast. At times, even in the British press, he sailed close to the legal wind. After the attack on the Grand Hotel in Brighton in 1984 he declared the bomb could have forced a rethink "unique in British constitutional political history, apart maybe for Guy Fawkes".

Born in Anderstown, the drab housing-estate heart of Catholic West Belfast, in 1952, on the eve of the abortive post-war IRA campaign, he grew up steeped in the mythology of the bloody "patriot game" of Patrick Pearse and Michael Collins. As befits a scion of his kind and generation, he was interned in 1971 after dawn swoops by the army on the homes of Republican sympathisers. So he became one of the "Men behind the wire" toasted in bars up and down the Falls Road and the hero of sub-folk-song records sold in Belfast's dingy Smithfield market. It was an appropriate introduction to Republican adulthood.

Morrison had been admitted to Queen's University, the liberal and intellectual forum which saw the birth of the People's Democracy movement, but gave up his studies after 18 months in "John Bull's jail". The experience crystallised his hatred of the English and his devotion to the cause. He converted it into a novel — *West Belfast*.

He was accused of membership of the provisional IRA in 1979, but the charge was dropped. As always until now, the evidence failed to touch the target. Sinn Fein was the semi-respectable face that he learned to show to the movement's advantage. When Bobby Sands and the other jailed IRA men went on hunger strike to be recognised as political prisoners, Morrison was their spokesman to the outside world. But it quickly became clear that he believed they would be more use as martyrs. That calculating cold-bloodedness did not stop him showing an astute ability to play up to the press: on one occasion he rescued a *Times* reporter from the hands of aggressive stewards at the funeral of an IRA "volunteer" in Londonderry. The correspondent had the good fortune to have met Morrison the previous night.

Queen's Counsel for Morrison, Mr Desmond Boal, described his client as a man "accustomed to walking a minefield on the verge of unlawfulness". That this is the most that could be said in defence of a man who at the very least consorted with murderers, reveals his true nature.

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ALAN COREN

I slide between the two stationary American elders, tipping my hat to the woman, because we want tourists to have a good time in London, and the man attempts to lift his tam-o-shanter in response, but you can't do that with a tam-o-shanter, so he sort of plucks at the bobble and the little woolly hat goes up and down without leaving his head, and I skip up the steps of Hyde Park Barracks, and two members of the Household Cavalry put up their bright swords, for the dew will rust them, and a third takes my gilt-edged invitation from me, and at this point a blue flash glints highlights onto the assembled helmetry, and I glance round, and the American's motor-drive is whirring away from the pavement below, because he thinks he has seen something a bit special. He will go home to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and his wife will put out guacamole dip and pickled clams, and they will invite the neighbours in to see their slides, and the man will say, "We were darned lucky to get this shot, folks, this is one of them old ceremonies they have, could be Trooping the Cardboard, the guy in the trilby is some kinda royal personage, he has terrific manners ..."

They do not know it is just a book launch. They probably do not even know it is the book launch season, when everywhere which can be pressed into marketing service, is. They may well have 50 rolls of exposed film in their luggage by now, of Flatford Mill and Gretna Green and Stonehenge and Anne Hathaway's cottage and the Chamber of Horrors and the Tower of London and HMS Victory, all of them packed to the gunwales with elegantly accoutred charmers hooting uproariously and blowing vol-au-vent flakes over one another, from which the Americans have doubtless concluded that the British take their great heritage very seriously indeed, flocking to each beloved shrine at every opportunity in order to toast in champagne their good fortune at having so rich a culture to celebrate.

The Americans do not know that these people have convened to discuss dump-bins and plywood authors and Terry Wogan.

I am in the Household Cavalry officers' mess, now, shoulder-to-shoulder with several hundred literati, and the man on my left is inviting me to guess the quotation he's had for 200 life-size models of John Mortimer to stand next to the *Titmuss Regained* dump-bins, and the man on my right wants my expert opinion on whether an Aspel interview shifts more paperbacks than a Wogan slot, but when, as politely as I can, I turn from these two unanswerables, I find that I have become part of a discussion between Kenneth Robinson and a delightful actress from *'Allo, 'Allo* about Kenneth's ear-problem, so, woefully inadequate when it comes to Eustachian advice, I attempt to move on again, but I trip over a Jack Russell terrier which is hoovering up fallen prawns, and the woman who steadies me uses the opportunity to enquire what sort of dogs I have, and before I reply she tells me that she breeds Bedlington terriers, which used to be called Rothburrys, and we go on like this for a bit, until I finally spot an author, and I make my excuses to the breeder, but as I back away, the author attaches himself to Rula Lenska, and then, by that curious peristaltic convulsion of packed gatherings I find that I have been propelled willy-nilly against Esther Rantzen, so there is time for a brief animated natter about child abuse before Desmond whisks her away and the vacuum fills with a tawny temptress who tells me that she has bust her back playing polo, and after I have opened and closed my mouth a few times without much coming out, she asks me why I am here if I don't play polo?

Fortuitously, this leitmotif is suddenly picked up, over her shoulder and beyond the huge windows, on Rotten Row, where four polo-players have materialised to trot up and down behind Jilly Cooper for the benefit of the cameras in front of all of them. Jilly is why I am here, even though I do not play polo, because *Polo* is what we are launching.

I wonder, as the gloaming descends over this bizarre vignette, when launches began? Was Tolstoy to be found at Waterloo, nibbling a crisp for *War and Peace*? Did Dickens mount a plywood guillotine for publicity daguerrotypes of *A Tale of Two Cities*? And what would Kafka have said to Terry, to persuade the world to dip into his dump-bins?

THE TIMES DIARY

Remembering Ingham

The tables were at last turned on Sir Bernard Ingham yesterday. The man who for years managed the news from Downing Street in his role as Mrs Thatcher's press secretary became a victim of a little news management himself, when *The Sunday Times*, which begins serialising his memoirs this weekend, forced a last minute cancellation of a preview of a BBC film about him.

"It is perfectly simple," says Ingham, who has collected an advance of £175,000 from Harper Collins for the UK rights to the book. "The BBC has cancelled the screening at the request of the newspaper. I am under contract to them and I quite understand them not wanting advance publicity in other papers on what I'm going to say."

Not for the first time, the BBC finds itself in disagreement with him. "This is entirely the BBC's decision," insists presenter Michael Cockerell, somewhat unconvincingly.

The 50 minute film, entitled *Bunkum and Balderdash*, contains Ingham's first public comments on the Westland affair, which according to those who have seen the film, will reopen the debate on the incident that almost brought down Mrs Thatcher in the mid 1980s. Cockerell, who took Ingham back to his Downing Street for one of the interviews, also coaxes him into showing some penitence for his part in undermining cabinet ministers such as John Biffen via his famous off-the-record briefings. But although Mrs Thatcher has seen and approved the proofs of his book, she does not appear in the programme. Says Cockerell: "Her office made it clear she is saving herself for a major British television interview later on," a threat guaranteed to send a chill through the higher echelons of the Major administration.

As for Ingham, he admits he is less than enamoured with some of the changes that have taken place since his departure from Downing Street. Whereas he would erupt in fury if reporters attributed his remarks to No 10, his successor Gus O'Donnell appears quite happy for the media to attribute lobby briefings to "a Downing Street spokesman". Ingham is anxious not to attack his successor, but says: "The media may well be referring to No 10 more now. If they do it's not a good thing. Maybe the rules have changed."

● *Permission finally granted to geneticists last week to allow cloning of genes from the remains of Abraham Lincoln poses an intriguing question which ought to keep the Supreme Court wrangling for years. The American constitution only allows a president a maximum of two terms in office. Does the rule apply to clones?*

Surreal zoo story

Zoologist, anthropologist and now artist, Desmond Morris admits it has taken him more than 30 years to catch up with the artistic fame of his famous protégé, Congo the chimp. In the Fifties, Morris, whose surrealist pictures went on show at the Mayor Gallery in Cork Street last week, was curator of mammals at London Zoo, where he nourished Congo's artistic flair. Eventually the chimp's talent was recognised by an exhibition at the ICA.

Picasso and Dali counted themselves among the chimp's fans, and Joan Miro was so impressed that he asked for a Congo original. Morris gave the artist one of Congo's finest, and in return, Miro set to work, there and then over a cup of tea, on a sketch for Morris as a thank-you present. "It was great to swap a Congo for a Miro," says Morris. "But if I'd known what was going to happen, I would have got a bigger canvas ready."

Airing his views

Almost 70 years after the founding of the BBC, the last surviving member of founding quartet, Cecil Lewis, is to be honoured today at a lunch hosted by Marmaduke Hussey and Michael Checkland at Broadcasting House. Lewis, now 93 and living in Corfu, initiated the first London station, 2LO, with John Reith, Arthur Burrows and Stanton Jeffries. Their budget was £100,000, but they had little idea how well the infant service would catch on.

Lewis says he was delighted to receive the invitation from the BBC, having been virtually ignored by the corporation on its 50th anniversary in 1972. Not that he is a fan of much that has happened since. "The light entertainment and comedy is much too noisy and far too vulgar," he says, sentiments worthy of Lord Reith himself.

● *The Queen's new land agent at Sandringham has been named: John Major, a 45-year-old manager previously employed at Castle Howard. Buckingham Palace declines to be drawn into speculation on how many O-levels he has.*

Yellow corner

The name may not trip off the tongue as readily as Saatchi & Saatchi, but the Liberal Democrats have signed up the agency TBWA Holmes Knight Ritchie to run their general election campaign. It is the first time the party has turned to the professionals, and it has chosen an agency with little experience of political campaigning. One of its staff worked for Labour in the 1970s and another more recently for the Tories. However, neither will be working on the account, which is to be handled exclusively by political virgins.

"We are relying on the craft of our business. We think it will help our political objectivity," says Alasdair Ritchie, the managing director, who received a swift education in the ways of politicians when he walked straight into a row over the value of the account. The agency initally talked about a budget of up to £2.5 million, but yesterday the Lib Dems insisted that the sum was likely to be little more than £1 million.

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HEALTH AND EFFICIENCY

The poison pill Margaret Thatcher left to her party could yet prove to be not poll tax but health. By delaying the reform of the NHS a decade, she bequeathed John Major an election issue of intractable horror. Neil Kinnock knows his pledge to "restore NHS underfunding" is either irresponsible or devoid of meaning. No Treasury team can tolerate an open-ended commitment to a demand-led service, be it defence or health. That has not stopped Labour opposing each efficiency move in the public sector by crying "more money". Mr Kinnock is no gentleman politician. He knows there are votes in playing on the insecurity of the sick. Can the Tories stop him?

Labour's central message in this electoral phoney war is that pledging higher taxation on the better off will appeal to floating voters. Opinion polls support this view. But there are risks here for Labour. Soaking the rich raises little money, while soaking those just comfortable with £20,000 costs floating votes, especially in the South-east. Such is Labour nervousness on this that each tax pledge is hauled back shortly afterwards. The politics of taxation is a science and now has both parties heading for the centre ground. As the Tories push public spending on past £200 billion, Labour is unlikely in practice to push it either much slower or much faster.

This makes the argument over how fairly and how efficiently to allocate those tax revenues far more real. Labour has chosen to make the health service the test of its fairness and efficiency. So far it has funked the test. It has ignored the fallacy underlying Aneurin Bevan's original NHS, that it would be progressively cheaper because the poor would become fitter and thus need less medicine. A decade of Thatcherism did not stop the great "free" services, health and education, from sucking colossal increases out of the public purse. Health spending in the 1980s rose by 50 per cent in real terms and education by 40 per cent. Yet at the end of the decade, Labour presents both as electoral liabilities because "not enough" was spent on them.

Labour must know that health care is now a consumer service with wide variations in need. The soaring demand for hip replacement and organ transplant is an instance of this. Answering need requires a tough sense of priorities and some limit if "underfunding" is not to become a national hysteria. The limit must come from rationing or charging, both of which involve unfairnesses which irresponsible politicians (and health service unions) can always exploit. Despite much talk of patients' charters and quality commissions, no Labour pronouncement shows any indication of how the party would ration health care, how it would fix priorities or how it would stop unions and professional lobbies defending their restrictive practices and pocketing the lion's share of each year's increase in pay.

For while Labour's Treasury team may quietly promise that health will get no more than the rate of annual growth allows — as William Waldegrave said yesterday, this is less than the Tories have given — that is not what Mr Kinnock and his health spokesman, Robin Cook, wish the public to believe. Their undefined "restoration of underfunding" is designed to permit everybody, from consultants to porters, to think that Santa Claus is round the corner. They remain, as ever, a gigantic soft touch.

Mr Kinnock's relationship with the professional, clerical and manual public sector unions is opaque. His party is still beholden to the unions, but he has worked valiantly to see moderate leaders take over from militants and reduce overt union influence in the party. None the less they remain the strongest institutional pressure on Labour: hence Mr Kinnock's inability to bring local Labour parties to heel, cure the extravagance of many Labour city councils or support vital reform to the health and education services. Labour should thus be trapped and vulnerable: not so much the party of public service as of inefficiency and waste in the public services.

This is a complicated message for Tories to convey. Ten years of inertia in health service reform, culminating in a service still centralised under its political leadership, leaves them also vulnerable to the charge of condoning inefficiency. They are aiming in the right direction. But in politics, aiming and scoring are not the same.

NOT JUST AFRICA'S BUSINESS

The economist Amartya Sen once said that *famines do not happen in democracies*. Today's famines in Africa are the product of government neglect, war, corruption and drought, in that order. The UN World Food Programme claims that 29.7 million are "at risk", a vague term which could mean anything from modest local shortages to famine. Save the Children, focussing on life-and-death cases, believes that 15-17 million are starving or will starve without emergency aid. Even that is a horrendous figure.

Responsibility for the famine in Sudan, where 6 million need food aid to survive, lies squarely at the door of a despotic government. Sudan had a bumper harvest in 1988, a poor one in 1989, and almost total crop failure in north Kordofan and Darfur last year. By last August, Sudan clearly faced serious food shortages. Yet the government continued to export its accumulated grain surplus, to pay for a brutal civil war on which it spends a fifth of Sudan's gross national product. Only in February did Khartoum admit to a "food gap".

Hundreds are dying now and thousands more will die because until January, Western governments bowed to the convention that sovereignty must be respected even in emergencies, and waited for the Sudanese government to appeal for help before sending it. The practical task in Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and half a dozen more countries is getting food to the hungry. But the underlying issue for the outside world is not famine, but what extremes of misery justify outside intervention when governments cannot, or will not, act.

War multiplies the difficulties of reaching people in need. Many of those most likely to starve have fled their homes, fields and businesses to escape persecution or civil war and its accompanying anarchy. To save lives today, "normal" relief operations may not suffice in Sudan. Trucks are needed to deliver food, sappers to mend roads and bridges and security guards and to keep food out of the hands of Sudan's soldiers; what is needed is an international task force.

Can and should people be saved by foreign intervention from the cruelty or indifference of their governments? Last month's security council resolution 688 on Iraq's persecution of its people said yes. If so, how? Yesterday, Paddy Ashdown called for a UN task force for Africa. That echoes a proposal two years ago by James Jonah, a senior UN official, that governments should make specially trained military units available to the UN for purposes of humanitarian intervention. He proposed that where governments (or insurgents) refused to admit the need for help, or to cooperate with relief agencies, the security council should issue an order to let relief go through.

A security council order, which would be forthcoming only in direst emergency, would generally be enough to secure compliance. The report should be rescued from dusty files. The keys to preventing famine in Africa may be democracy and peace, and that requires a far more robust approach to diplomacy (and aid). But when civil authority has collapsed and the lives of millions of civilians are at stake, humanitarian intervention cannot wait on politics.

The current difficulties in Iraq underline the importance of putting the protection of relief efforts under the global UN umbrella. The West African task force in Liberia is handicapped by being too local: the factions are suspicious of "neighbourly" intentions. The Organisation for African Unity is paralysed. Intervention never will, or should, be other than a last resort; it will rightly be considered a failure. But governments might take the suffering of their people more seriously if the penalty for callousness were temporarily reduced sovereignty.

OF MICE AND PERSONS

In the heady days of the Sixties, it was hip among the young to claim that there were no differences, *other* than physical ones, between men and women. Old buffers delighted in complaining that they could not tell girls and boys apart: the girls wore trousers (horrors!) and the boys wore long hair (what was the country coming to?). Those unisex teenagers were determined that when *they* had children, all sexual stereotyping would vanish. The boys would play happily with dolls, while the girls would pretend to murder each other.

Yet, man, that sexism was hard to kill! Children seemed committed to nostalgia. Boys refused to play with dolls, unless they were male and wore combat gear or Ninja Turtle kit. They stole the guns and swords donated by radical parents to their sisters and left predictable trails of havoc and destruction. The girls persisted in playing quietly and cooperatively with each other, seeking as ever to grow up as nurses not doctors, as homemakers not breadwinners.

Now this is official. A study published yesterday by Manchester university shows that children aged five and six are already profoundly sexist, possibly more so even than their parents. Among the boys, 96 per cent thought car repairs should be done only by men, with 90 per cent for woodwork, 85 per cent for fire-fighting and 80 per cent for climbing mountains. More worrying, 72 per cent thought only men could be scientists. One teacher reported a child in her class who associated sewing with his mother, not his father, even though the latter was a tailor. Another said that when she showed children a picture of a woman wearing a white coat and a stethoscope, they said "That's a nurse", even when it turned out later that their own doctor was female.

Girls were, on the whole, less sexist than boys, the pattern being broken only over who should propose marriage: already nervous at the prospect, boys were keener than girls that women should share this burden. The good news is that role models play some part: children with professional mothers tended to be less sexist. And these days, though the study did not ask, there must be important jobs associated only with women. Some children still *cannot* quite believe that men are allowed to be prime minister, or even monarch.

So *what* hope is there from this week's other news, that scientists experimenting on mice have discovered that gender is determined a few days after conception by the "Sry" gene? Sexual stereotypes seem to be as deeply ingrained as gender itself. So presumably the whole problem can be turned over to one of the genetic engineers privy to the mysteries of early life, when he... er she... can get round to it.

Assistance for Bangladesh and other peoples in need

From Mr David Blunkett,
MP for Sheffield
Brightside (Labour)

Sir, I applaud the initiative of all those who have organised the worldwide effort to raise money for the Kurds to be held on Sunday and broadcast on both radio and BBC2 television.

However, given the enormous calamity which has befallen Bangladesh and the projected 300,000 deaths, together with the ongoing and often forgotten crisis of millions of people starving to death in Africa, would it not be more appropriate to repeat on Sunday the initiative under the heading of Band Aid which provided an opportunity to help all those in critical need across the world?

It is not to forget our responsibility to the Kurds to share the money raised with those who are in equal despair.

Individuals will give as they choose but a major worldwide media event such as the one to be held this Sunday should surely spread its net as widely as possible.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID BLUNKETT,
House of Commons.
May 8.

From Dr David Le Vay

Sir, Mrs Lynda Chalker, the minister for overseas development, states (May 4) that countries which adopt sound economic policies and practise good government will get our support.

One wonders whether the corollary should operate: that those who do not, will not. I say this in view of your correspondent's report from Bangladesh on the same day which mentions that 40 F6 supersonic fighter planes were deluged at Chittagong airport while only small transport planes and two helicopters were available to ferry aid from Dhaka.

If the government of a country as poor and disaster-prone as Bangladesh thinks it right to waste its money on military aircraft for which there is no conceivable use at the expense of means to succour its people, what right has it to expect help from the outside world time after time? Charity must begin at home.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID Le VAY,
6 Garstons, High Street,
Burwash, East Sussex.

From Mr Andrew Hubback

Sir, Mrs Chalker has replied to the International Freedom Foundation's criticism of British overseas aid policy (May 2) by claiming that "we certainly do not finance prestige projects" and "we repeatedly make it clear that those countries which adopt sound economic policies and practise good government will get our support".

The Overseas Development Administration's 1990 annual report reveals 33 projects costing more than £2.5 million each, including an electrification project in Bangladesh costing a staggering £63 million and a similar project in Pakistan costing nearly £13 million.

On the second point, the largest per capita recipient of British aid is Tanzania, a country which recently outlawed all opposition parties, and one of the largest gross recipients of aid in Asia is the People's Republic of China.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW HUBBACK,
International Freedom Foundation,
Suite 500, Chesham House,
150 Regent Street, W1.
May 7.

From Mr Anthony Farrant

Sir, Whilst many will be giving as generously as possible to relief agencies, the circumstances of the disaster and future implications are cause for concern. A present population of some 130 million in an area the size of England and Wales (thus 3.68 persons per acre), depending almost entirely on agriculture, could barely survive in a gentle climate; afflicted as it is by great inundations every two or three years, Bangladesh regularly has to seek international help.

The world community is now devising an action plan to reduce the impact of the floods, a project likely to cost hundreds of millions of pounds. This will inevitably have to be a gift also.

With population growth rate 3.1 per cent there will be some 170 million people by the year 2000 (5 persons per acre). It is the inexorable pressure of this growth that forces occupation of land so disastrously vulnerable to flooding.

Bangladesh is a perfect example of a country that needs an appropriate population plan. Implementing one should be part of the deal for the execution of the flood plan which otherwise would have a rapidly diminishing effect on Bangladesh's aggregate problem.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY FARRANT,
Silver Lodge, The Park,
Great Barton,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
May 4.

From Mr Julian Hopkins

Sir, CARE, like many other voluntary agencies, is currently involved in relief operations in Bangladesh, Turkey/Iraq and Africa. It has come to our notice that when the world responds to such disasters, chaos often ensues, and then, in the bitter aftermath, fingers are pointed and blame laid. If only the energies devoted to this activity were channelled into pre-planning for emergencies, then fewer lives might be lost.

CARE's experience in Bangladesh, for example, where we have assisted the poorest people of that country for many years, shows that if you have people and stores in place *before* disaster strikes, you can respond quickly and effectively. Within hours of the recent cyclone occurring CARE had launched a large-scale relief operation targeting 10,000 families with life-saving supplies.

There is much talk of compassion fatigue, yet the *number* of disasters should not have any bearing on the rest of the world's ability to deal with them, providing that governments and voluntary agencies work for increased cooperation and pre-planning.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN HOPKINS
(National Director),
CARE Britain,
Dudley House,
36-38 Southampton Street, WC2.
May 8.

State, Pope and public freedom

From the Bishop of Strathearn and Auxiliary in Southwark

Sir, Your report (May 3) of the encyclical letter of Pope John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, and the excerpts from the encyclical are most welcome. The letter is lengthy and contains many notable insights on a great variety of social questions. Therefore it is not easily summarised.

However, I believe that in the last paragraphs of your third leader ("Bridling capitalism", May 3) you have not done justice to two of the central themes of *Centesimus Annus*: one is the notion "solidarity", the other is the measure of state intervention in spiritual matters.

For Pope John Paul "solidarity" is shorthand for the recognition by human beings of our interdependence not only at the practical level but also for the sustaining of moral values. It is not simply a matter of the importance of trade unions or a sense of the collective good.

The Pope gives clear guidance in a number of matters as to both the obligations and limitations of state intervention in private and public social concerns. The balance to be achieved by the state in matters of promoting the common good while preserving individual freedom is expressed by the term "subsidiarity".

I can find no basis in the text of *Centesimus Annus* for your leader's claim that the Pope is advocating any form of direct intervention on the part of the secular power to force its citizens to live "spiritually". In view of this difference of opinion perhaps both the writer of your leader and I will be moved to give yet a further reading of the encyclical. I am sure that we will both profit by this.

I am, devotedly yours in Christ,
†JOHN JUKES
(Chairman, World of Work Committee, Episcopal Conference of England and Wales),
The Hermitage, More Park,
West Malling, Kent.
May 3.

Festival anniversary

From Lord Mishcon

Sir, In your editorial, "Festival millennium" (May 8), which heralded the 40th anniversary of the Festival of Britain you comment that fewer than half of your readers are old enough to have enjoyed it.

It is my privilege to belong to a much smaller category having been a member at that time of the "inner cabinet" of the London County Council which so effectively cooperated with Herbert Morrison in this venture.

This was the period during which the old LCC under the leadership of the late Sir Isaac Hayward was responsible for the whole concept of the South Bank as a cultural centre and which saw the birth of the Royal Festival Hall (built out of London's rates) to be followed by the Queen Elizabeth Hall and the Hayward Gallery.

Should not that great local authority (as indeed it was) be remembered on this anniversary with gratitude? History may also remember, but with different sentiments, the government which for purely political reasons brought the days of the old LCC to a close.

Yours truly,
VICTOR MISHCON,
House of Lords.
May 8.

Insurance commission

From Mr Peter Tarrant-Willis

Sir, The Law Society has criticised the government for failing to protect the consumer adequately (report, early editions, May 1). Your legal affairs correspondent writes that banks and building societies will not be accountable to their customers for insurance policy commissions received when they move into the conveyancing market. They will be making the most of a captive market.

There will not be a level playing field for all the players in conveyancing, nor for that matter will the principle of conflict of interest have a clear view of the field of play.

Lawyers, both in and out of Parliament, might care to think hard on this issue. Financial adviser practitioners are already facing the problems of dealing with competition from conglomerate institutions. An aggrieved Law Society will be welcome as an ally to help to redress the balance in favour of consumer choice and protection.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TARRANT-WILLIS,
108 Mill Lane,
West Hampstead, NW6.
May 1.

Doubtful compliment

From Mrs Rebecca Baddiel

Sir, Junk mail is not the sole cause of involuntary postal sex-change (letters, April 22, 30, May 6). My brother, having been registered with his GP for several years, received a letter inviting him to attend for a cervical smear test.

Yours faithfully,
REBECCA BADDIEL,
22 Leeside Crescent, NW11.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Doubts over tanks

From Mr C. Nixon-Eckersall

Sir, It appears that a government decision on the purchase of new main battle tanks is imminent (report, April 25). However, before large sums are committed (and up to £600 million has been quoted), the taxpayer should seek the answer to two questions.

First, against whom are main battle tanks to be used? It seems increasingly improbable that they will be necessary in the emerging Europe. As the build-up to the Gulf war showed, they are difficult to transport. Furthermore, it must be unlikely that the planners of future military actions will be allowed the unbelievably leisurely preparations afforded in this instance by the Iraqis.

Second, why Challenger II? Challenger I has a reliability record in Germany which, at best, is unenviable. To what extent was tank availability higher in the Gulf and, assuming it was, at what price in *terms of logistics* and cannibalisation of units elsewhere? Has Challenger I really been in action?

Certainly it harried and pursued an unenthusiastic Iraqi conscript army most successfully but did these tanks fight a tank battle of any significance? Did the main gun system — *so unhappy a competitor* in inter-army competitions in Germany — meet the requirements of a mobile tank battle and did the *armour afford the protection* and the survivability required in facing a determined enemy?

To spend without satisfying such questions would be imprudent if not irresponsible.

Yours faithfully,
C. NIXON-ECKERSALL,
57a St George's Drive, SW1.
May 7.

The Bard and Bohemia

From Professor Robert Weale

Sir, When President Havel and the Prince of Wales discuss *The Winter's Tale* they will have done their homework (leading article, May 7). The Prince will observe that Shakespeare referred only indirectly to a coast: "Bohemia. A desert country near the sea" (act III, sc. 3). President Havel, in turn, will respond generously by pointing out that Shakespeare's geography may have been better than that of the epigoni after him.

Pludek's trilingual book on the Emperor Charles IV, founder of the first university in Central Europe and Pater Patriae, contains a map of the kingdom at the time of his death in 1378.

While not entirely conforming to current cartographic ideas, the map shows that, in addition to the provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, and Silesia, the kingdom included a corridor stretching well beyond Berlin. In fact, it was bounded in the West by the river Elbe and in the East by the Oder, reaching with two fingers to the coast of the Baltic.

The Winter's Tale contains no date, and Shakespeare may have been aware of nothing more than a rumour outrun by history. But he seems to have known more than did Neville Chamberlain.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT WEALE,
The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
May 8.

Manipulative moggies

From Mrs John Nichols

Sir, The view expressed by Mrs Sonia Gable in her letter (May 2) is well established. Over 20 years ago (November 4, 1970) the following was included in your parliamentary report:

Mr Anthony Stodart, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in a written reply, said: We do not intend to start licensing cats. It would not reduce the number of stray ones, and it would be expensive to administer as well as difficult to enforce because of the propensity of this animal to decide for itself where it will live and to whom it belongs.

How right!

Yours faithfully,
PAMELA M. NICHOLS,
Flat 1, 36 Buckingham Gate, SW1.
May 4.

Train doors enquiry

From Mr J. D. A. Evans

Sir, Your report (May 4) on the *Health and Safety Executive's* forthcoming enquiry implies that it is into train doors "bursting open". This is inaccurate and alarmist. The investigation is "into the pattern of falls from passenger trains and whether, or the extent to which, they could be attributable to the design of doors or locks".

There are many possible causes of such falls. To allege that they involve doors "bursting open" is to presume to know the conclusions of the enquiry before it has taken place.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. A. EVANS
(Director of Public Affairs),
British Railways Board,
Euston House,
24 Eversholt Street, NW1.

Peers and parties

From Mr John Cumming

Sir, Neither the Conservative party *nor the City corporation* seem to have been well-informed about the status of the new life-peer, Detta O'Cathain (report, May 2), who is managing director of the Barbican Centre.

Surely the only honourable course of action is either to be a full-time "working peer" or a full-time paid official of local government. The compromise achieved smacks of the "having your cake and eating it" school of politics which, understandably, is greeted with general public cynicism.

It also threatens the gravest disservice to true independence in active politics and public life.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CUMMING,
36a Prince of Wales Drive, SW11.
May 2.

A queen's identity

From Dr David Starkey

Sir, Could I clarify a point in John Russell Taylor's review (Arts, May 1) of the Henry VIII Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich? The identification of the Buccleuch miniature as Queen Anne Boleyn was first suggested in print not by me but by Sir Roy Strong in 1983. He did so on the basis of the sitter's dark, lustrous eyes.

The exhibition reinforces the suggestion by redating the miniature and considering the heraldry of the sitter's brooch. None of these arguments is conclusive in itself; it is the combination of them which makes a powerful case as the first, and indeed the only, authentic portrait of Henry VIII's second queen.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID STARKEY
(Historical consultant to
Henry VIII Exhibition),

The London School of Economics
and Political Science,
Department of International
History,
Houghton Street, WC2.
May 1.

College closure

From Mr Paul Neilson

Sir, The real tragedy of the proposed closure of South West London College (reports, May 3) is that there was a perfectly reasonable solution to the very real problems raised by HMI: namely, merger with Thames Polytechnic.

Criticism of the higher education courses relating to poor accommodation, management and quality control were being redressed. Courses had already been moved into more suitable accommodation at Roehampton and more were to follow in September.

The legacy of poor management would have been removed by a merger with Thames. The college would also have come under Thames's quality control, which has been praised by HMI for the way it has handled previous mergers.

No reasons have been given by the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council for the rejection of the proposed merger and we are left with a car-boot sale approach to education where, if I may mix my metaphors, vultures are invited to pick over the murdered corpse of education in south-west London.

This approach can be of no benefit to students, staff or the prospects of higher education in general, which this government has pledged to expand and improve. The students are having their studies disrupted at the most crucial time of the year, in the run-up to exams, and can hardly be expected to perform well when they have no idea of where they will be studying next.

There has been no mention of the fate of the staff, who, as you have reported, are generally praised by the students. Nor has mention been made of the fate of the further education work of the college and its staff, who have established a fine local reputation for attracting adult returners, particularly those from ethnic minorities, back into education. Is this work simply to be allowed to wither away?

Yours,
PAUL NEILSON (Chairman,
South West London College
coordinating committee,
National Association of Teachers in
Further and Higher Education),
25 Pineham Copse,
Haywards Heath, West Sussex.
May 4.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 9: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new Intensive Care Unit and Coronary Care Unit at St Helier Hospital, Carshalton.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness visited Surrey and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE, The National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, visited RNIB, Hethersett College, Redhill. Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, visited Dorking and District Citizens Advice Bureau, 231 High Street, Dorking.

This afternoon Her Royal Highness opened the extended Education Unit at Muntham House School, Barns Green, Horsham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex (the Duke of Richmond).

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, subsequently visited BESO's new offices at 164 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1.

This evening The Princess Royal, Chancellor of the University of London, attended the 150th Anniversary Dinner at Birkbeck College, London.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 9: The Princess of Wales arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this evening at the conclusion of a tour of Czechoslovakia.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr Peter Westmacott, Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF, Mr Richard Arbiter and Surgeon Captain Anthony Osborne, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon opened the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's Isaac Newton Centre for Professional Development in North Kensington.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 9: The Duke of Gloucester, the Ranger of Epping Forest, today visited the Forest.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester this morning opened All Souls Church of England Primary School, Rye Street, Heywood, Rochdale, and subsequently visited the refurbished Heyes Lane Junior School, Timperley, Trafford.

Later Her Royal Highness, as President, visited the Princess Christian College, Fallowfield, Manchester.

The Duchess of Gloucester was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness opened Elizabeth Dowell Close, a Sheltered Housing Scheme for the Elderly, Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham, and later The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Baby Life Support Systems, visited the Special Care Baby Unit at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for West Midlands (the Rt Hon the Earl of Aylesford).

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 9: The Duke of Kent this morning visited the Proof and Experimental Establishment at Shoeburyness, Essex.

Captain the Hon Chrisopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended a Concert at St James's Palace in aid of Live Music Now to mark the debut of Miss Sarah Chang.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 9: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the Manor Cheshire Home at Brampton, Cambridgeshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, Mr Michael Bevan.

The Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will open a shopping centre and swimming pool in Fleet, Hampshire, at 3.00; as Patron of the Winchester Cathedral Trust, she will view an exhibition of pictures at Crawley Manor, Crawley, in aid of the Cathedral appeal at 6.35; and attend a concert given by the Band of the Irish Guards in the Great Hall, Winchester, at 7.15.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison and Young Offenders Institution Grendon, Aylesbury, at 10.30; and will visit the Griffins Society's rehabilitation hostel for women at Stockdale House, Camden, and the bail hostel for women in Camden at 2.10. Later, she will visit Whitelands College, West Hill, Richmond, at 3.45 to mark its 150th anniversary, and, as President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a fundraising dinner at the RN College, Greenwich, at 7.20.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will attend a reception for the Sussex East Trefoil Guild at Buckhurst Park, Withyham, at 5.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will open the extension to St Edmunds Hospital and Nursing Home, St Mary's Square, Bury St Edmunds, at 11.20.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Medical Women's Federation, will attend the annual spring meeting at the Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh at 6.15.

The Duke of Kent will open the refurbished Basingstoke Canal at Frimley Lodge Park, Surrey, at 11.30; visit F.C. Brown at Bisley, at 2.25; and Vision Engineering at Send, near Woking, at 3.40.

OBITUARIES

BRIGADIER SEBERT GREEN

Brigadier Sebert John Hely "Jimmy" Green, DSO, MBE, soldier, died on May 3 aged 84. He was born on November 17, 1906.

"JIMMY" Green's life could have filled an issue of *Boys' Own*. He did indeed feature in *Blackwood's Magazine* when, single-handed, he fought off a mob of vengeful tribesmen with his sword after being ambushed on the northwest Indian frontier. As a "Piffer" – a member of the Punjab Infantry Frontier Force Rifles – he slew Persian guerrillas, Chinese head-hunters and Japanese jungle-trained troops and was decorated in Italy and Burma. But his most celebrated exploit was on November 25, 1928, when he led a relief column to Miranshah Fort to rescue, among others, T. E. Lawrence, then serving as Aircraftman Shaw in the Royal Air Force. Jangi Khan had laid siege to the fort in the belief that "Shaw" had been posted there as a British spy. In fact Lawrence was toiling as a humble fitter, looking after the garrison's single aircraft. But his presence made the incident world famous.

The young subaltern who could thus claim to have saved the life of Lawrence of Arabia was born in Bermuda into a family of both military and ecclesiastical distinction. "Jimmy" himself was the youngest son of Major-General S. F. St D. Green and, after Cheltenham College and Sandhurst, enlisted in the Indian Army in 1927. He joined the 6th Royal (Scinde) battalion of the 13th Frontier Force Rifles and served on the northwest frontier between 1928 and 1936.

He was then posted to the Burma Military Police and subsequently to the Burma Frontier Force. He commanded columns in operations against Chinese bandits and head-hunters in unmapped territory on the Hunan border for the League of Nations' Boundary Commission. When called to rejoin his regiment in southern India in 1939 (for service in Eritrea) he walked with one servant through the Yoma mountains from the upper reaches of the Chindwin river where he had been conducting operations against human sacrifice tribes. He then fought the Italians in Africa under Brigadier Slim (as he then was) until 1941. He was brigade major at Moulmein with the 2nd Burma brigade when the Japanese struck in 1942. In its subsequent retreat across Burma only 400 of the brigade's 5,800 men got out and, of these, 300 had to be hospitalised. Green, whose knowledge of Burmese proved invaluable, was appointed MBE for gallantry and the march was later described by Compton Mackenzie in *Eastern Epic* as one of the great withdrawals of the war. He then served as second-in-command of his regiment in the Persian mountains, fighting pro-Nazi tribesmen.

He took over the command of his regiment in December 1943, by which time it was fighting in Italy with the 8th Indian division. By coincidence it was exactly 100 years since his great uncle, General Sir George Green, had helped found the regiment. He stayed with it throughout the successful battles at the Gustav, Gothic and Hitler lines. The battalion won more decorations for gallantry than any other in the Indian Army and he was awarded an immediate DSO at the Gari river crossing in the Cassino battle for capturing the division's objective of Pignataro – thus opening up the Liri valley and outflanking Monte Cassino. One of his men won the VC.

In 1947 he was made assistant adjutant-general at Delhi and in the same year raised an independent brigade group at Gurgaon to deal with increasing civil unrest arising from the partitioning of India. One night his brigade found 250 villages ablaze and every man, woman and child in them slaughtered. He retired in 1948 following Indian independence.

He retired to St Lawrence, Isle of Wight, where his mother's family had been the first lords of the manor. He became a county councillor in 1954 and a South Wight borough councillor after the local government reorganisation in 1973. He was prominent in the island's civil defence and diocesan affairs and read the lesson in the church built by his forebears.

He is survived by his wife Eileen and their daughter Jacqueline.

ALUN THOMAS

Alun Thomas, manager of the unbeaten 1974 British Lions and a president of the Welsh Rugby Union, died in Swansea on May 8 aged 65. He was born on February 3, 1926.

AS ONE of the men responsible for the coaching revolution in Welsh rugby during the mid-1960s, Alun Gruffydd Thomas was privileged to be part of the historic rugby tour to South Africa which, in conjunction with the 1971 visit to New Zealand preceding it, placed British rugby – albeit briefly – on top of the world.

He managed the party which, coached by Syd Millar and captained by Willie John McBride, became the only British side this century to conclude a major tour unbeaten. The only blemish on their record was the draw with South Africa in the final international but the Lions won the series 3-0.

Thomas was the first Welshman to manage a Lions' party since 1924. He was born in Cwmavon and attended the nearby Port Talbot county secondary school; from which he won a Welsh schools cap. He played senior rugby for Aberavon, as well as for Swansea, Cardiff and Llanelli. He was an accomplished midfield player who won 13 caps for Wales between 1952 and 1955, playing in three positions in his first international season – centre, wing and stand-off half.

That season Wales won the grand slam, and Thomas played only twice on the losing side for his country. In addition he was a member of the celebrated Cardiff side which, in 1953, beat New Zealand 8-3. He possessed the all-round footballing skills – a good passer and kicker of the ball, a sound defence and vision in attack – which made him an ideal touring player, and he was chosen to visit South Africa with the 1955 Lions.

It was his misfortune that first an attack of jaundice, then a fracture, limited his appearances to only five. However, when his playing career was over he returned to South Africa in 1964 as assistant manager to the first Welsh party to tour overseas; he had already served as a national selector and that same year became a prominent member of the WRU working party which was to transform attitudes towards coaching, carrying on the work of Cliff Jones who died last November.

The results of that work and the gospel that spread rapidly throughout the four home unions were seen in the touring parties of 1971 and 1974. Thomas, who had earlier been a representative for an oil company, was now sales manager in the family industrial equipment business and based in Swansea. He continued to serve Welsh rugby, and was elected president of the WRU for the 1985-6 season.

He leaves a wife, Margaret, and three children.

PROFESSOR PETER MELLOR

Professor Peter Mellor, mechanical engineer, died on April 14 aged 62. He was born on January 3, 1929.

PROFESSOR Peter Mellor was internationally known for his researches into metal processing, and good use was made of it by Japanese industry. He hailed from the days when quality was an academic engineer's touchstone. Sadly, he eventually gave up struggling for grants judged against the claims and criteria of present-day short term profitability. He regretted that, for want of greater investment and encouragement in recent years, Britain's eminence in the field of research into plasticity declined.

The work he did led to improvements in performance of sheet metal, so that one of the benefits was to produce the same strength with a thinner sheet. And his research enabled designers of motor vehicle bodies to achieve a better shape when the metal was pressed.

At one stage, Mellor enjoyed several months' stay in Japan, working in the laboratories of former students and visiting factories. He was better known there than in his own country.

His research into the properties of sheet metal subject to biaxial stresses attracted particular attention. He made fundamental contributions to the determination of material properties in sheet under biaxial tension, its behaviour in deep drawing, under transverse hydrostatic tension and when presented as internally pressured tube. His researches, with colleagues and students, included among many topics extrusion through curved dies; elastic-plastic stress distribution in spheres and cylinders; special problems of tensile instability; and the plastic instability of fast spinning discs. In later years he gave great attention to problems of anisotrophy of sheet metal and its forming propensities.

Mellor, a Yorkshireman, graduated from Sheffield University and did postgraduate work there, thus becoming a member of the well-known Sheffield "stable" of engineering plasticians which was directed by the late Professor H. W. Swift. After a PhD which involved him in making between two and three million measurements, he held lecturing appointments, first at Liverpool University and afterwards at Birmingham, where he subsequently became a professorial colleague of the late Professor S. A. Tobias. Mellor later moved to Bradford University, retiring in 1984.

He served on the editorial boards of a number of international journals and was continuously called upon to referee papers. He was granted his DSc relatively late in life and accepted it because it was an earned degree. He had no use for honorary degrees awarded for reasons he felt often difficult to evaluate.

Mellor's many overseas doctoral students themselves went on to fill chairs in Britain or in their own native countries. He was large in physique but a gentle and unassuming man. He was never inclined to be hurried and this led to him doing excellent experimental work. He always had time for his students and saw it as a large part of his professorial task to engage and cooperate in the arduous task of writing an advanced textbook which would stand and fulfil the needs of a generation of students.

He is survived by Eileen, his wife of 33 years, and by their son and daughter.

RICHARD HAMILTON

Cdr C. J. W. Simpson writes:

MAY I, on behalf of the members of the British North Greenland Expedition 1952-54, ask the courtesy of your columns in praise of Richard Hamilton, who was our chief scientist and deputy leader during the expedition's first year, and whose obituary you published on April 20?

Twenty surviving members of the expedition and their wives, some from overseas, foregathered recently to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the launching of the expedition. Richard himself and his wife Mussi would have been with us, but for his tragic illness and death. All were loud in affectionate praise of his sterling Scots qualities.

He was a polar scientist of wide experience and ability whose great integrity and never failing helpfulness and commonsense were readily available to all. He was one of the few members who had had previous experience of driving sledge dogs on which we depended for so much, and his advice when others were learning how to persuade these infuriating, loveable creatures to go in the direction intended was invaluable.

Whether locked in the cramped interior of a sledging tent during a blizzard, or in the close atmosphere of the base hut during a Polar night which lasted for two months, Richard's company was always welcomed by us all; and particularly by me to whom as expedition leader he gave such loyal and invaluable support. Well may his qualities be compared with Wilson of the Antarctic.

Birthdays today

Sir John Ainley, former Chief Justice of Kenya, 85; Mr W.F.W. Bischoff, group chief executive, Schroders, 50; Sir David Brown, former chairman, Aston Martin Lagonda, 87; Mr Trevor Clay, former general secretary, Royal College of Nursing, 55; Lord Collison, 82; Sir Brian Corby, chairman, Prudential Corporation, 62; the Marquess of Downshire, 62; Mr J.R.S. Dugdale, Lord Lieutenant of Salop, 68; Major-General Edward Fursdon, defence consultant, 66; Sir Edward Gardner, QC, former MP, 79; Lord Justice Kelly, 71.

Sir Ewart Levy, 94; Miss Maureen Lipman, actress, 45; Sir William Lithgow, industrialist, 57; Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Mullens, 55; Lord Justice Mustill, 60; Sir David Orr, chairman, British Council, 69; Sir Angus Paton, civil engineer, 86; Mr Bruce Raymond, jockey, 48; the Earl of Rothes, 59; Dr Michael Shea, former Press Secretary to The Queen, 53; Lord Smith, 77; the Duke of Sutherland, 76; Sir Denis Thatcher, 76; Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, former matron-in-chief and director, Army Nursing Service, 81.

Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias, DBE, will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Tuesday, July 2, 1991. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets in writing to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 2, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on June 18. All are welcome to apply for tickets.

Reception

Air League
Prince Michael of Kent attended an Air League reception held last night at the RAF Club. He was received by Dr J.E. Henderson, President of the Air League, Mr Michael J. Cobham, chairman, and Air Commodore D.T. Davies, chairman of the club. During the evening he presented awards to winners of flying scholarships and bursaries.

Sevenoaks School

The following awards are announced:

Sixth Form
Scholarships: Claire Brinn, Wycombe High School; Nicholas Clayton, Sevenoaks.
Exhibitions: Hannah Grant, Sevenoaks; Sara Hart, Walthamstow Hall; Lara Mitra, Sevenoaks; Jennifer Taylor, Parsons Mead, Ashtead.

Middle School
Scholarships: Philippa Baker, Sevenoaks; David Cadwallader, Banda School, Nairobi; Thomas Gorsuch, St Andrew's; Genevieve Maitland-Hudson, Cumnor House; Daniel Northway, Holmewood House; Jane Virden, DCPS Cranbrook; Matthew Wesley, New Beacon.
Exhibitions: Adam Buckley, Yardley Court; Camini Kumar, St Bede's; Alexander Morales, Sevenoaks; Alexander Morrison, Buckingham, Browne & Nichols, Boston; Richard Sumnall, Holmewood House; Kathryn Townend, St Bede's.

Junior School
Scholarships: Lara Blackmore, St Paul's, Chipperfield; Rebecca Connell, The Granville; Charlotte Desborough, Ashgrove; Georgina Dudley, The Granville; Helen Zaltzman, Rose Hill.
Exhibitions: Jennifer Hogan, Combe Bank; Edward Morrison, Sevenoaks Preparatory; James Thorley, Ashgrove.

Music Awards
Scholarships: Jonathan Ayling, Sevenoaks; Emmanuel Hill, Bishop Challoner; Helen Ibbotson, Croydon High; Catherine Rattray, Tonbridge Grammar.
Exhibitions: Rosemary Bain, Brighton & Hove High; Vanessa Carson, Sevenoaks; Sara Hart, Walthamstow Hall; Victoria Johnson, Sevenoaks; Robert Phelps, New Beacon; Alexander Steinbeis, Sevenoaks; Harriet Thorneloe, Sevenoaks; Elizabeth Williams, Sevenoaks; Christopher Young-Wootton, Holmewood House.

Specialist Awards
International Baccalaureate: Charles Lyon, Lycee St Germain; Jennifer Radford, St Leonard's, Mayfield; Evelyn Vermeulen, Sevenoaks.
The Worshipful Company of Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders for Academic and All-Round Achievement: Thomas Manwaring, Warwick; Fiona McKenzie, Vinehall; Neil Shirreff, New Beacon; Geoffrey Streatfeild, Sevenoaks; Philip Walton, Sevenoaks.

Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company

The Stationers' and Newspaper Makers' Company, in the presence of presidents of the relevant trade associations at Stationers' Hall, recently commemorated the 434th anniversary of the granting of their charter by the award of six major scholarships to men and women aged under 25.

The scholarships are given to improve technological and managerial skills in associated trades. The Master, Mr T.S. Corrigan, presided. Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, and Mr Victor Watson, Chairman of John Waddington, also spoke.

Inner Temple

The Hon Mr Justice Kaplan has been elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr I.T. Alexopoulos
and Miss N.C.E. May**
The engagement is announced between Ioannis, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. Alexopoulos, of Athens, Greece, and Natalie, younger daughter of the late Mr N.O.H. May and of Mrs Eija May, of Bowdon, Cheshire.

**Mr H.J. Anson
and Miss J.C. Lamb**
The engagement is announced between Henry, elder son of Colonel and Mrs T.P. Anson, of Hardwick, Bicester, Oxon, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.R. Lamb, of West Littleton, Bath.

**Mr M.A. Barton
and Dr J.H. Price**
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Canon A.E. and Mrs Barton, of Benson, Oxfordshire, and Julie, elder daughter of Drs D.G. and A.J. Price, of Burghfield, Berkshire.

**Mr M.J.G. Black
and Miss N.J. Mundell**
The engagement is announced between Jamie, only son of Mr and Mrs Donald Black, of Edenwood, Cupar, Fife, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Blake Mundell, of Madderty, Perthshire.

**Mr M.P.B. Evans
and Miss E.J.K. Stanley**
The engagement is announced between Marcus Paul Bruce, son of Mr N.B.C. Evans, of Fulham, London, and Mrs J. Evans, of Putney, London, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mrs J. Stanley, of New Malden, Surrey.

**Mr D.M.G. Fletcher
and Miss J.C. Ridley**
The engagement is announced between David, son of Colonel and Mrs Derek Fletcher, and Jessica, daughter of the Right Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP, and of Lady Richard Percy.

**Mr G.R. Fraser
and Miss A.M. Russell**
The engagement is announced between Giles, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Fraser, of Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey, and Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Russell, of Tavistock, Devon.

**Major A.G. Horsburgh
and Miss F.M. Turner**
The engagement is announced between Major Grant Horsburgh, King's Own Scottish Borderers, second son of Mr and Mrs T.D. Horsburgh, of Dunbar, and Frances, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Turner, of Dundee.

**Mr J.C.S. Hosking
and Miss M.S. Ruscombe-King**
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs W. J. S. Hosking, of Fentongollen, Tresillian, and Sophie, daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Ruscombe-King, of Trafalgar, Lesnewth, Cornwall.

**Mr J.J.C. McKinlay
and Miss C.A. Baxter**
The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs M.C. McKinlay and the late Mr R. McKinlay, of Cheadle Heath, Cheshire, and Carey, younger daughter of Brigadier and Mrs A.E. Baxter, of Worthing, Sussex.

**Mr A.J. Magee
and Miss L.M. Marwill**
The engagement is announced between Anthony, second son of Mr and Mrs James Michael Magee, of Runcorn, Cheshire, and Maria, daughter of Ms Helen (Roberts) Marwill and Mr Gene Marwill, both of Dallas, Texas.

**Signor M. Morini
and Miss K.S. Mitchell**
The engagement is announced between Michele, elder son of Signor and Signora Dante Morini, of Parma, Italy, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Mitchell, of Exeter, Devon.

**Count Paul Orssich
and Miss H. Hadfield**
The engagement is announced between Count Paul Orssich, elder son of the late Count and Countess Robert Orssich, of Fulham, London, and Helen, younger twin daughter of Mr and Mrs James Hadfield, of Stagsden, Bedford.

**Mr H.T. Rawlinson
and Miss F.J. Crozier**
The engagement is announced between Harry, youngest son of the late Sir Anthony Rawlinson and of Lady Rawlinson, of Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.W. Crozier, of Poole, Dorset.

**Mr P.C. Teuten
and Miss A.C. Boyce**
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mrs S.M. Teuten, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, and the late Mr G.C. Teuten, and Anabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Grayson Boyce, of Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

**Mr R.A. Vass
and Miss A-F. Pink**
The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs R.P. Vass, of Thorpeness, Suffolk, and Anna-Frances, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.P. Pink, of Horsted Keynes, Sussex.

**Mr D.W.D. Weir
and Miss T.M.V. Salvesen**
The engagement is announced between Tabitha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Salvesen, of Eaglescairnie House, Haddington, and David, son of Dr and Mrs Alistair Weir, of Laurelhill Cottage, Stirling.

Marriages

**Mr E.D.S. Morse
and Miss E.M. Denne**
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 4, at the Church of St James the Great, Elmsted, Kent, of Mr Edward Morse, second son of Mr and Mrs David Morse, of Belchamp Walter, Suffolk, to Miss Emma Denne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Denne, of Elmsted. The Bishop of Buckingham and the Rev Richard Bateman officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Rebecca and Alice Tuff and Harriet and George Martin. Mr Richard Kleinwort was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

**Mr J.S. Rockman
and Miss S.L. Erman**
The marriage has taken place in Omaha, USA, between Jonathan Simon Rockman and Stacey Lynn Erman.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Keith M Trivasse, Team Vicar in the Sunderland Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Margaret of Scotland, Castletown, Sunderland (Durham).
The Rev Peter S Walters, Assistant Curate, St Julian's, Newport, Gwent (Monmouth): to be Assistant Administrator at the Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham (Norwich).
The Rev Dennis E Webster, Chaplain and Teacher at Pierrepont School, Farnham: to be Rector, Chiddingfold (Guildford).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev David A Abraham: to resign as Chaplain to the Norfolk and Norwich, West Norwich and Coleman Hospitals. He remains Priest-in-charge, St Giles, Norwich (Norwich).
The Rev Alan Hill, Vicar, Ormesby (York): to retire as from July 31.
The Rev Peter Bullock-Flint: to resign as from July 31 as Incumbent, Ivinghoe with Pitstone and Slapton, and Rural Dean of Mursley (Oxford).

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Augustin-Jean Fresnel, physicist, Broglie, France, 1788; James Bryce, 1st Viscount Bryce, historian and diplomat, Belfast, 1838; Karl Barth, theologian, Basel, 1886; Fred Astaire, dancer and actor, Omaha, Nebraska, 1889.

DEATHS: Leonhard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Tübingen, Germany, 1566; Jean de La Bruyère, writer, Versailles, 1696; Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1774; George Vancouver, explorer, Richmond, Surrey, 1798; Paul Revere, American patriot, Boston, Massachusetts, 1818; George Clint, portrait painter, London, 1854; Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson, Confederate general in the American Civil War, Chancellorsville, Virginia, 1863; Sir Henry Stanley, explorer, London, 1904; Joan Crawford, actress, New York, 1977.

Appointments

Mr Michael Harington, Mr Michael Montgomery, Mr David Perry, Mr John McGuinness and Mr Nigel Ingram to be additional Standing Counsel of the Department of Trade and Industry in relation to criminal matters arising on the South Eastern Circuit.

Luncheons

Newspaper Conference
Lord King of Wartnaby was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Newspaper Conference held yesterday at the Newspaper Society. Mr William Russell, chairman, presided.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Sir Bernard Braine, MP, a Vice-President of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr George Foulkes, MP, vice-chairman of the executive committee, were hosts at a welcome luncheon held yesterday in the House of Commons in honour of Commonwealth Parliamentarians attending the 1991 Parliamentary Visit at Westminster.

Lecture

Royal Asiatic Society
Professor A. D. H. Bivar, President of the Royal Asiatic Society, delivered the W.B. Henning memorial lecture to members of the society last night at 60 Queen's Gardens.

Dinners

Brazilian Ambassador
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the Brazilian Ambassador and Senhora Flecha de Lima at 54 Mount Street. Among those present were:
Mr Jacques Arnold, MP, and Mrs Arnold, Mr Adrian Beamish, Mr Ivo Dawnay, Mr George Foulkes, MP, and Mrs Foulkes, Miss Sarah Fox-Pitt, Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, MP, and Mrs Maxwell-Hyslop and Mr Alderman and Mrs Paul Newall.

HM Government
Mr Michael Howard, QC, Secretary of State for Employment, was host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of Dr Gyula Kiss, Hungarian Minister of Labour.

Plumbers' Company
Mr R. Dennis Mann, Master of the Plumbers' Company, and Mrs Mann received the guests at the annual ladies' festival dinner held last night at Carpenters' Hall. The Master, Mrs Mann and Mr J. Lawrence-Mills, Renter Warden, were the speakers. The Master of the Painter-Stainers' Company and Mrs Northcott were among the guests.

Fruiterers' Company
Mr D.L. Hohnen, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, assisted by the Wardens, presided at the audit court dinner held last night at Barber-Surgeons' Hall. Mr Erhard Wendling, Mr D.L. Morgan and the clerk of the company also spoke.

Company of Tin Plate Workers
Sir Robert Scholey was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers held last night at Cutlers' Hall. Mr Geoffrey Firth, Master, presided and Mr Henry Mutkin also spoke.

Continuing Professional Development Foundation
Mr Jonathan Harris, President of the Continuing Professional Development Foundation, was host last night at a dinner held at Buck's Club to mark the foundation's 10th anniversary. Among those present were:
The Duke of Westminster (patron), Sir Cyril Pitts, Sir Brian Hill, Sir Douglas Morpeth, Mr Alan Howarth, MP, Mr J N C James, Mr Terence Burfin, Mr Richard Sattert, Mr Derek Nicholls and Mr Clive Darlow.

Chartered Building Societies Institute
The annual dinner of the Chartered Building Societies Institute was held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. The president, Mr C.G. Dickie, TD, FCBSI, FIB(Scot), welcomed Dr Oonagh McDonald and Sir Marcus Fox, MBE, MP, the principal speakers, and many other guests from the financial services industry. At the conclusion of the dinner Mr R.J. Groom, FCBSI, Managing Director, Woolwich Property Services, was installed as the new president.

Glaxo Science Writers Awards
Sir Paul Girolami, Chairman of Glaxo Holdings, plc, presented the Glaxo Science Writers Awards for 1990 at a 25th anniversary dinner held last night in The Great Hall, St Bartholomew's Hospital. The awards, made in collaboration with the Association of British Science Writers and worth £2,000 for each of the five categories, went to:

Newspapers - Nigel Williams, *The Guardian*; Specialist Journals - Dr Gail Vines, *New Scientist*; Broadcast Radio - Sheila Dillon and Marie Helly, BBC Radio 4; Broadcast Television - Vivienne King, BBC TV; "Improving Human Health in the 1990s" theme - Paulette Pratt, Freelance, *The Sunday Times*, shared with Phyllida Brown, *New Scientist*; Highly Commended Awards were made to: Steve Connor, *The Independent on Sunday*; Dr John Gribbin, Freelance, *New Scientist*; Peter Croasdale and Peter Evans, BBC Radio 4; Christopher Riley, BBC TV.

Royal College of General Practitioners
Dr Stuart Carne, President, last night hosted the Formal Dinner of College Council at 14 Princes Gate, London. Speakers were the Right Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Secretary of State for Health, Professor Michael Peckham, Director of Research and Development for the NHS Management Executive, and Dr Colin Waine, Chairman of College Council.

Service dinner

London Rifle Brigade Rangers
Lieutenant Colonel Kyrle Simond presided at the annual dinner of the London Rifle Brigade Rangers held last night at the Royal Green Jackets London Club. General Sir David Ramsbotham, Lieutenant-Colonel Jamie Daniell and Mr Joe Harris were among those present.

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The Lord said to Moses: 'How much longer will these people reject me? How much longer will they refuse to trust in me, even though I have performed so many miracles amongst them?
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BIRTHS

ADAMS-CAIRNS - On Tuesday May 7th, at St George's Hospital, London, to Jane (née Russell) and Iain, a son, Angus Iain, a brother for Emily.

BROOKS - On May 5th, to Nicola (née Bauer) and Graham, a son, Benjamin Edward.

COWLEY - On April 22nd, to Geoff and Susan, a son, Benjamin Geoffrey Arkell.

GEDDES - On May 1st 1991, at Winchester, to Selina and Philip, a son, Thomas Christian, a brother to David and James.

GERSZT - On May 8th 1991, to Sue Mandelbaum and John Gerszt, a daughter, Elizabeth Grace Anna.

GODDARD - On May 3rd, to Isabel (née Power) and Anthony, a daughter, Julia, a sister for Emma.

HALL - On April 13th, to Catherine and Michael, a daughter, Rose Miranda.

HANSBURY-WILLIAMS - On May 4th, to Alexandra (née Ringrose-Voase) and Michael, a son.

HARVEY - On May 6th, to Suzy (née Hutton) and David, a daughter, Rose Charlotte Mary.

HUME - On May 4th, at Epsom, to Jennifer (née Gooch) and Jeffrey, a son, Stephen James.

ISMAIL - On April 26th, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Chrissie (née Twigg) and Tariq, a daughter, Kamillah Safiya.

MITCHELL - On May 8th, in Lincoln, to Susan (née Brighton) and John, a daughter, Lucy Katherine, a sister for Emily.

MULVENNA - On April 18th 1991, to Eleanor and Paul, a son, Daniel James.

NEAVE - On May 5th, to Catherine (née Nash) and Robert, a son, Samuel George, a brother for Alice and Roberta (Bertie).

PHILLIPS - On May 8th, to Meryl-Jane and Anthony, a son, William Peter Bromel.

REW - On May 5th at Princess Anne Maternity Hospital, Southampton, to Victoria (née Zugic) and David, a daughter, Felicity Emma.

SCOVELL - On May 4th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Annabel (Arkwright) and James, a daughter.

SPITTLE - On May 7th, to Pamela (née Wakelin) and Graham, a son, Toby Anthony Randall, brother for Harriet.

SWEENY - On April 26th, in Manhattan, New York, to Sarah (née Waldron) and Peter, a son, Miles Taylour, a brother for Petrea Rose and grandson of Victor and Lady Olivia Waldron.

WAKEFORD - On May 8th 1991 to Alice (née Clark) and Joe, a son, Charles Bertram, a brother for George.

ANNIVERSARIES

SUPPLE:McKINNON Happy anniversary Monica and Paul. Behave yourselves on your cruise! All our love. Fiona, Mark, Nick, John, Joseph, Daniela, Keziah, Ian, Hamahnie, Dani-Deb, Nikki.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

DYER:BARRACLOUGH - Congratulations to Derek and Doreen married 50 years ago today at St Anne's Church, Kew. With love and admiration from all their family.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - On Tuesday May 7th 1991, at The Jersey General Hospital, after a short illness, Philippa Suzanne (née Marett), aged 87 years. Beloved wife of the late John Malet Armstrong and mother of David, Philip and Suzanne. Private family cremation, followed by a service at St Brelade Parish Church, Jersey, on Wednesday May 15th, 1991, at 2.30pm, to which relatives and friends are invited. Ashes to be interred in the adjoining church cemetery after service. Flowers if desired may be sent to Pitcher & Le Quesne, Funeral Directors, 69 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey. Tel: (0534) 33330 by 12 noon.

BATES - On May 8th 1991, Wayne Harold, suddenly, aged 54 years. Wayne, husband of Ruth Frances, dear father of Christopher, of Canada, Sara (Mrs R Lake), of West Ilsley. Brother of Penny (Mrs R Moses) and Wendy (Mrs L Spalding), all of Canada. Funeral will take place at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday May 15th 1991 at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Memorial donations payable to The British Heart Foundation would be appreciated by all the family, c/o P.L. Barrett, 81 Ock Street, Abingdon, Oxon.

BLATHWAYT - On May 5th 1991, peacefully, Charles Stephen Hare. Funeral at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday May 15th 1991 at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only please.

CARPENTER-GARNIER - On May 8th, peacefully, Marie (née Cross), much loved wife of George and sister of John. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Parish Church, Wickham, Hampshire, on Wednesday May 15th at 1pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Nicholas Church, Wickham or Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, c/o Thomas Pink & Son, Bank Street, Bishops Waltham, Hants.

CAMPBELL - On May 6th, peacefully after a long illness, Major Edward Fitz-Gerald David Campbell MC, ERD, late The Black Watch (RHR). Twin brother of Colonel Sir Guy Campbell BT. Private Service at St Nicholas' Church, Thames Ditton, on May 16th. No flowers, but donations to the Alzheimer Association. Memorial Service to be held in London later.

DUNCAN - On May 6th 1991, at Pembury Hospital, Michael John Freeman, dearly beloved husband of Sally and father of Jackie and Peter. Private cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired. All enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons Ltd., 27 London Road, Sevenoaks, tel: (0732) 450203. A Memorial Service will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Otford, on Friday May 24th at 12.45 pm.

EDGERLEY - On Tuesday May 7th, peacefully at The Chiltern Cheshire Home, after a long illness bravely borne, Judith, beloved widow of Ted Edgerley. Funeral at All Saints Church, Gerrards Cross, Bucks., Monday May 13th at 1.45pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Chiltern Cheshire Home, Packhorse Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 8JT.

HOSKING - On May 8th, Phyllis, 96, widow of William Lory, after a short illness. Private cremation 12.30 pm, followed by Memorial Service at Harting Parish Church, 3 pm, May 16th. Donations National Osteoporosis Society.

KELLY - On May 3rd, tragically in a road accident in London, Alan Keith, aged 49 years, formerly of Grant Thornton, recently moved to Chantrey Vellacott. Beloved husband of Christine, precious father of Julian and Amanda. Service on Tuesday May 14th, Holy Trinity Church, Poynings, Sussex, at 1 pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations may be sent, if desired, to The Knowles Tooth (children in deprived circumstances society) c/o Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, East Sussex. BN3 2EB.

KIDSTON-MONTGOMERIE - On May 8th, peacefully at home, Lydia Cecilia, beloved wife of George. Funeral private at St Peter's, Appleshaw, Monday May 13th at 2.30 pm.

MIZNER - On May 9th 1991, peacefully at his home in London, Ben Mizner, aged 78 years, beloved husband of Susan and father of Gordon and Michelle. Funeral on Sunday May 12th at 12.30pm at Edgewarebury Cemetery, Edgewarebury Lane, Edgeware.

PREEDY - On April 25th, very peacefully at Court House Nursing Home, Barnards Green, Malvern, Irene Mary Woollard, aged 89, widow of Commander W.F. Preedy R.N. Memorial Service followed by committal of the ashes at Little Malvern Priory on June 8th at 2 pm. Donations may be made to Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, London SE5 8RD or to Society of Friends of Little Malvern Priory c/o Dr. G. Thurlow, 24 Alexandra Road, Malvern, WR14 1HQ.

RIDDOCH - On May 6th 1991, John Haddow (Ian), widower of Ella, husband of Margaret and father of Alison, Ian and Ailsa. Funeral Service at St John's URC Church, Somerset Road, New Barnet, at 2 pm on Thursday May 16th. Family flowers only please, but donations in his memory for The North London Hospice may be sent to J.H. Kenyon, 6 Woodhouse Road, London N12.

SIM - On May 7th, in King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Pamela Charlotte, much loved wife of Chatterton and mother of Angela and Edward. Funeral Service at Chiddingly Parish Church, Chiddingly, nr. Lewes, Sussex, on Thursday May 16th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Adela Funeral Homes, 45 South Street, Eastbourne, tel: (0323) 643999.

SLADE - On May 8th, peacefully in hospital at Sherborne, Noël Margaret, beloved wife of Lt. Col. G.O.H. Slade. Funeral Service will take place Wednesday May 15th at 11 am at the Roman Catholic Church, Westbury, Sherborne. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Save the Children Fund, Sherborne.

THOMPSON - On May 7th, after a long illness, Edward Crossley, aged 72 years, Emeritus Fellow of Jesus College, Oxford. Husband of Bridget, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Oxford, 2 pm on Friday May 17th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to the Osler Chest Unit League of Friends, Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

TRENDER - On May 3rd 1991, peacefully in Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Robert Walter (Bob) aged 87, beloved husband of the late Maude Caroline, father of Robert, grandfather of Andrew, Hazel and Michael, great-grandfather of Melissa Jane. Sadly missed by many friends. Cremation service at Eltham Crematorium at 2.45pm on Tuesday May 14th. No flowers by request, but donations if desired to the Spastics Society or the North Cray Branch of the Royal British Legion.

WINK - On May 8th 1991, Drennan, aged 86. Dearly loved husband of Mary, devoted father of Fiona, Angus and Elizabeth. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Kippington, Sevenoaks, Kent, Thursday May 16th, 11.15 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief c/o W. Hodges & Co. (0732) 454457. Our sincere thanks to all staff at Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, for their care, kindness and support.

WARDALE - On Friday May 3rd, at Akeld Manor, Wooler, Elizabeth. Dearly loved wife of the late Harry, devoted mother of John and beloved grandmother of Philip, Edward, Michael and Harry. Was interred at Kirknewton Churchyard on Wednesday May 8th. No letters please.

WELLS - On May 8th 1991, peacefully at Warren Lodge, Katharine Augusta (Kitty), aged 89. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Wokingham, at 12.30 pm on Friday May 17th. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Royal British Legion, Wokingham.

WILLIAMS - On May 4th 1991, David Herbert Fenn Williams D.S.C., of Penshurst, at Itchenor. Much loved brother and uncle. Funeral at St John Baptist Church, Penshurst, Kent, on Wednesday May 15th at 12 noon. Flowers, or donations to Royal National Lifeboat Institution if desired c/o H.J. Johnston & Son, Penshurst. (0892) 870372.

WRIGHT - On Ascension Day, May 9th, The Hon: Doreen Julia 'Dar' (née Wingfield) widow of Fitzherbert Wright. Cremation private. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Heddington Parish Church on Monday May 20th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Heddington Parish Church.

YOUNG - On May 7th, at UCH, Beverley Lockhart, aged 48. Ella, Tim, Jo and Elaine were with him. Funeral at St Paul's, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, 2.30pm. May 16th. No flowers please, donations to The Child-to-Child Trust, c/o Inst. of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London, WC1H 0AL.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

CODRINGTON - A Memorial Service for the late John Alfred Codrington, late Lieutenant - Colonel, Coldstream Guards will be held at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London, on Tuesday May 21st 1991. Musical prologue 11.30 am. Service 12 noon. All are welcome. Those wishing to park in Wellington Barracks are asked to apply to Regimental Headquarters Coldstream Guards, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk, London SW1E 6HQ for car passes owing to the limited space available.

WARREN - Memorial Service for Ben Warren, who died suddenly, will take place today (Friday May 10th) at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, at 4 pm. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BREDELL - David. In constant loving memory of my darling husband who died 10th May 1989. 'Mens Conscia Recti'. Denise.

KEASE - William Theophilus, on the centenary of his birthday 1891, remembered with all love and respect. Jack.

LICHTENSTEIN - Leonie, on 10th May 1989. Loved, remembered and cherished by Edwin, Conrad, Olivia, Simon and Oscar.

WHITE - Elizabeth. 10th May 1990. Remembering you, dearest mother and grandmother today and always with gratitude and love. Rita, Mario, June, Karin and Douglas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GERMAN Schoolboy, 14 yrs, wishes to spend 6-8 wks as paying guest in english family with children between June/ Sept '91 (hobbys: sport, horses, languages, music) Box No 3737

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LOST on the evening of the 5th May in the Chelsea/Fulham road area. A gold Piaget cigarette lighter. Substantial reward is offered for its safe return. Please contact 071-229 8438 with any information leading to its recovery.

BIRTHDAYS

CLIFF HARRISON of Hartlepool, Cleveland - Happy 80th birthday, many happy returns of the day, love from all the family.

NASTY - Only just in your 30's - Nathan. Make the most of it tonight. Love Wilks xx

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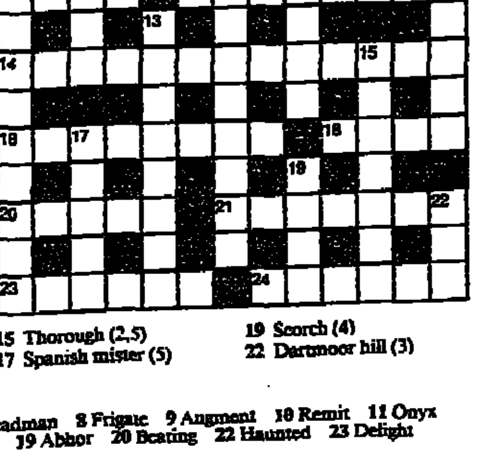

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A copy of the Notice of Application was served on Phonographic Performance Limited of Ganton House, Ganton Street, London W1V 1LB (hereinafter referred to as "the Copyright Owner") on 3 April 1991.

The Applicants, being persons other than the first listed applicant intending to avail themselves of the right to include sound recordings in broadcasting services for which the Copyright Owner could grant a licence, apply to the Tribunal to settle the terms as to payment for including sound recordings in a broadcast service.

ANY ORGANISATION OR PERSON wishing to object to the Applicants' credentials or wishing to be made a party to the proceedings should apply to the undersigned in the manner prescribed by the Copyright Tribunal Rules 1989 not later than 31 May 1991.

C A BROOK, Secretary
Copyright Tribunal
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Correspondence in the paper and this article by the Bishop of Jarrow, Dr Samuel Kirshbaum Knight (1868-1932) evince that the call for the ordination of women is not of recent origin. Doctor Knight was The Times *ecclesiastical adviser 1911-19.*

WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

Mary Magdalene was the first of all the disciples to see the Risen Lord, and the first to announce the fact of the Resurrection to the Apostles. All that we learn about her in the Gospels combines to surround her name with a special interest, and she has always held a prominent place in the roll of the saints.

When we recall the fact that it was a woman who first announced the Resurrection to the Apostles it seems natural that we should reflect on the place of women in the Christian Church. Christianity is the religion which above all others has vindicated their capacity for all the spiritual graces and has brought to mankind, and in a special degree to women, a new enfranchisement of life.

We must confess that not only individual Christians, but the Church in its official action, have not always given to them that honour which the Gospels plainly show to be their due, but wherever the teaching of Christianity has been loyally followed their essential spiritual equality with men has been recognised. Sometimes the place thus given to women in Christianity has been declared to be a sign of its essential weakness, as being a religion only fit for women and children, but these are criticisms which make the truth they distort all the more plain, and all the more appreciated by those who might otherwise have failed to understand its significance.

Women, in their turn, have rendered high and constant service to Christianity. Ever since Mary Magdalene hurried to the Apostles with her wonderful news, women have been among the most eager and faithful witnesses to the Christian faith and have commended it to millions of both men and women who it is difficult to believe would have accepted the faith were it not for their ministry. Their influence in early Christianity is evident, and in the subsequent history of the Church it steadily developed for centuries.

Then came a long period during which their formerly recognised ministry was allowed to fall into abeyance, but in recent years the Church has again learned to welcome their service, and has again admitted them to the definite ministerial order of deaconess. Some women are now claiming the right to a participation with men in the higher ministry of the priesthood, and the recent correspondence in these columns has shown how deep is the conviction that the claim is a sound one. It is not so clear that its advocates recognise fully all that it must involve.

It is probable that in comparison with 30 years ago fewer women of the educated classes are now engaged in voluntary Church work, but the number of those who desire to devote themselves to the Church's service with official recognition steadily, if slowly, grows. The leaders of the Church are alive to the value of this movement, and a Central Council for Women's Work has been formed to encourage properly trained women to offer themselves not only for parochial but also for educational service. It is to be noticed, however, that the Bishops at the last Lambeth Conference affirmed their belief that for women the order of deaconesses is the one and only order of the ministry which has the stamp of apostolic approval, and the one and only order they could recommend for recognition in the Anglican Communion.

This does not necessarily mean that any development in the ministry of women is impossible. Meanwhile, it may both discipline those who are over-zealous and those who are over-cautious in respect of women's work to recall the fact that, if it was Mary Magdalene who first announced that Christ had risen from the dead, it was joyous gratitude that carried her to this service.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

LA AMIGA (15): Well-intentioned but dreary treatment of the Argentinian "disappeared ones", with Liv Ullman. Directed by Jeanine Meerapfel. ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

MISERY (18): Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner. Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

NIGHT SUN (12): Tolstoy's *Father Sergius* adapted by the Taviani Brothers. A modest performance by Julian Sands as the monk struggling with earthly sins, but the images glow with magic. Renoir (071-837 8402) Minema (071-235 4225).

PERFECTLY NORMAL (15): Oddball, likeable Canadian comedy, with Robbie Coltrane as a mystery man rejuvenating a factory drudge (Michael Riley). Director, Yves Simoneau. Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

ZANDALEE (18): Absurd, pretentious exercise in sexual melodrama down in New Orleans, with Judge Reinhold, Nicolas Cage; director, Sam Pillsbury. Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

CURRENT

AY CARMELA! (12): Carlos Saura's boisterous, but shallow tale of travelling actors embroiled in the Spanish Civil War. Carmen Maura, Andres Pajares. Lumière (071-836 0691).

THE BALLAD OF THE SAD CAFE (15): Erratic rendering of Carson McCullers' bizarre tale of sexual conflict. Vanessa Redgrave, Keith Carradine; director, Simon Callow. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

LA BETE HUMAINE (PG): Zola updated by Jean Renoir in 1938 — a grand, moody classic, with Jean Gabin as the engine driver plagued by inner demons. Revived with another French plum, *Quai des brumes*. Everyman (071-435 1525).

THE COMPANY OF STRANGERS (PG): Seven senior citizens are marooned in the countryside. Magical exploration of old age from Canadian director Cynthia Scott. Barbican (071-638 8891) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

◆ CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau. Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE DOORS (18): Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (Val Kilmer). Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeons: High Street Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (0426 914098).

◆ *GREEN CARD* (12): *Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell.* Likeable New York romantic comedy. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ HAMLET (U): Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli. Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

IN THE REALM OF THE SENSES (18): Nagisa Oshima's challenging erotic epic of 1976, beautifully photographed. Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*. Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ SCENES FROM A MALL (15): Woody Allen and Bette Midler's marriage teeters on the brink in an L.A. shopping mall. Bland comedy. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY (15): Sleekly mounted but facile woman-in-peril thriller. Julia Roberts as the abused wife who fakes her own death. Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

TATIE DANIELLE (15): Agreeable, satirical portrait of a spiteful old woman, deliciously played by French stage veteran Tsilla Chelton. Metro (071-437 0757) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ WHITE PALACE (18): Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader. Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ THE BROTHER: Irish actor Eamon Morrissey tells gently comic tales, fortified by a swig of malt. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135 mins.

☒ ALL FOR LOVE: Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

■ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ CORIOLANUS/THE WINTER'S TALE: Two variable productions by English Shakespeare Company; though strong performances by Michael Pennington in both. Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. *Coriolanus*: Sat, 7.30pm; *Winter's Tale*: today, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 195mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR: Timothy Spall splendidly yobbish in sprightly Gogol revival. Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

☒ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others ensnared by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 130mins.

☐ *KIT AND THE WIDOW* — LAVISHLY RE-MOUNTED: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson. Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. 135mins.

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☐ MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: Roger Allam, Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

■ RE: JOYCE!: Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell. Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA: Leslie Grantham a wooden central figure in the original play on which the film was based. Final week. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 6pm. 125mins.

☒ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ THE STICK WIFE: Darrah Cloud's tough, touching drama on Ku-Klux-Klan wives tormented by guilt. Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☒ THE TRIAL: Antony Sher the most convincingly Kafkaesque figure in Berkoff's lurid production. National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 130mins.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's sensitive production with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☒ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107). . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132). . . ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☒ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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WEEKEND EVENTS

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: The company introduces the second programme which offers the world premiere of Oliver Hindle's new one-act ballet, *Sacred Symphony*, together with Paul Taylor's *Airs*, set to Handel's music and Ashton's popular *Valses nobles et sentimentales* and *Façade*. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

CARMEN: The Royal Opera claims another victory with Nuria Espert's new, authentically Spanish staging of the Bizet opera. Maria Ewing gives a magnetic and confident portrayal of Carmen, with Luis Lima as Don José and Gino Quilico as Escamillo. Zubin Mehta conducts a highly lyrical account of the score. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight, 7pm.

GAUDIER ENSEMBLE: The talented young chamber group performs Mozart's Horn Quintet in E flat, K407, Weber's Clarinet Quintet in B flat, Op34 and Schubert's String Quartet in C, D956. Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

SIMPLE TRUTH APPEAL: A "Live Aid" style concert given in aid of the Kurdish refugees featuring Sting, Sinead O'Connor, Peter Gabriel, Chris de Burgh, MC Hammer among others. The concert will be broadcast live on BBC2 and Radio 1. Telephone donations can be given on 0898 234235. Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234). Sun, from 7.45pm until approximately 1am.

MC HAMMER: The biggest-selling rap musician plays the last of his Wembley dates. Wembley (as above), tonight, Sat, Mon.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: *Slippage*, William Tuckett's first piece for a company outside the Royal Ballet confines, abandons classical ballet in favour of loose, undulating torsos, free shapes and a slippery liquescent texture. On a bill with Siobhan Davies's *Plain Song* and *Embarque*. Alhambra Theatre, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM WRITERS' FESTIVAL: Weekend discussions, workshops and readings from many writers including Fay Weldon, Angela Carter, Paul Durcan, Maureen Duffy. Birmingham Writers' Festival (information from box office: 021-440 3838), tonight-Sun.

BRIGHTON FESTIVAL: Weekend highlights include last performances of Lindsay Kemp's Kabuki-inspired *Onnagata*; Graeme Miller's award-winning music-theatre piece, *A Girl Skipping*; the Joshua Rifkin Bach Ensemble; Italian impressionist Ennio Marchetto; readings by Roy Hutchins and leading American poets C.K. Williams and Sharon Olds; Michael Tilson Thomas conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in Mahler's Ninth; and Opera Restor'd with three 18th-century works. Brighton Festival Information Centre (0273 676926).

TOSCA: The Royal Opera revives Franco Zeffirelli's production of Puccini, directed by John Cox and conducted by Michel Plasson. Hildegard Behrens, Samuel Ramey and Neil Shicoff lead the cast. First night. Royal Opera House (as left), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

EX CATHEDRA: This is a project in Birmingham involving the chamber choir Ex Cathedra, aimed to encourage young people to express their feelings through music, and is based on John Joubert's *South of the Line*, a setting of Hardy's Boer War poems and Stravinsky's *Les Noces*. There will be workshops in local schools and youth groups culminating in a performance in the new Symphony Hall tomorrow. Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN: The Oxford Playhouse celebrates the installation of its 35mm projection equipment with a one-off screening of Tom Stoppard's new film, both directed and written by him, previously unseen by the public. Playhouse Theatre, Beaumont Street, Oxford (0865 798600), Sun, 7.30pm.

Cosy couple make a killing

THEATRE

Arsenic and Old Lace
Chichester

JOSEPH Kesselring's play is about some ultra-conventional old women who have an idiosyncratic way of getting rid of men they decide do not fit into their genteel neighbourhood. Could there be a parallel here with the Festival Theatre's board of management, who recently parted company with their artistic director, Michael Rudman? Who can say, given their failure to explain his exit?

Meanwhile, we can take modest pleasure in the one main-house production that has survived Rudman's metaphoric encounter with the arsenic bottle. There is nothing in Annie Castledine's revival to disturb those of us who boggled at her claim, reported here on Wednesday, that the play "knocks the stuffing out of bourgeois society" and "goes through an anarchic minefield". A neo-Trotskyite *Arsenic and Old Lace* would have as much chance of success in Chichester as a traditionalist *Taming of the Shrew* in a squat on Greenham Common; and Castledine does not push things in any such direction. Indeed, her revival is testimony to Rudman's judgment in choosing the play for the theatre.

Kesselring's main conceit is, of course, to present Lady Bountiful as a mass-murderer and her poisonings as pious charities. It is a joke in good hands with Elizabeth Spriggs and Rosemary Harris playing the serial mercy-killers. Spriggs, her ample girth swathed in lavender, trills and flutters round the stage, half-butterfly, half-sofa. Harris, a hatstand draped in pink, opts for big, fey gestures and high, reedy coos. They make a wonderfully cosy pair. When they gently explain the ingredients of their toxic brew, it is as if Grey Rabbit were sharing a recipe for non-alcoholic primrose wine.

Certainly, their benevolence produces hilarious moments, notably one in which Peter Davison, playing their drama-critic nephew, leaps on a stranger about to drink from their chalice, terrifying him with screeches of "you're being murderered". But this is not enough to sustain the evening. That is why Kesselring has provided sub-plots, or co-plots, in the form of one brother (a trumpeting Geoffrey Freshwater) who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt and another (a looming Bernard Bresslaw) who has come from an American Broadmoor with a corpse of his own to unload. This is the Addams family, circa 1942.

It is in her handling of Bresslaw, transformed by his pet plastic surgeon into a parody of Frankenstein's monster, that Castledine shows most originality. Her recent revival of a less comic piece of Grand Guignol, *Gaslight*, proved she has a gift for creating sinister atmosphere; and she re-emphasises the point here.

Monkish chanting, spectral cries, rumbles from the dungeons of a dozen Stephen King movies, even thunder and lightning, greet Bresslaw's every entry. The trouble is partly that such effects seem isolated in an otherwise realistic production, partly that the actor does not justify them with any great menace of his own. Also, the jokes about his resembling Boris Karloff fall flatter than they presumably did in the original production, when Karloff himself played the role with his own unaltered face.

Never mind. There is much to enjoy, not least some sly digs at Davison's primly puzzled drama critic, a man who cannot row with his fiancée without reviewing her as "tedious and uninspired". Who on earth had Kesselring in mind?

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL

Pious poisoners: Elizabeth Spriggs (Abby) and Rosemary Harris (Martha)

ROCK

Paul Simon
Wembley Arena

WHEN Paul Simon last played in England four years ago it was at the height of the *Graceland* imbroglio. Then, there were pickets outside his shows protesting against his contravention of the United Nations cultural boycott of South Africa.

The opening on Wednesday night of the British leg of his Born At The Right Time tour was a considerably more sedate affair. Nobody batted an eyelid when he introduced various members of his entourage, such as guitarist Ray Phiri, as being from South Africa. Nor was anyone likely to be surprised in the slightest by the riot of multi-cultural influences which Simon now incorporates as a matter of course in the arrangements of his songs. Thanks in no small part to his pioneering work, the idea of "world music" as a strange novelty entirely divorced from the Western mainstream is now passé.

The well-heeled and well-behaved crowd which turned out to greet Simon was confronted by a stage which looked like a display at a musical instrument trade fair. On descending levels there were several escarpments of percussion at the back, keyboards and horns in the middle, and guitars and backing vocalists at the front. The band opened with a barrage of snare drums which kick-started "The Obvious Child", as the block-shouldered Simon took his place at the helm.

Despite his rather stiff gait and unfashionable raised cuban heels Simon's singing evinced a perennially boyish quality and he captured well the sense of wonderment in the lyrics of "The Boy in the Bubble" while the drummers, led by Steve Gadd, the top New York session man, lent a gentle rhythmic weight to the sprightly tones of acoustic guitar and accordion. The sound throughout was like a well-risen soufflé, and no matter how many musicians and exotic embellishments Simon chooses to import, his great strength is his ability to keep the essence of his songs simple and bright.

"Train in the Distance" and "Still Crazy After All These Years" were delivered in more of a supper-club vein, with Simon's light tenor at times stretched uncomfortably over the piano backing. Another old favourite, "Me and Julio down in the Schoolyard", was the first to get the crowd clapping along. An extraordinary gospel-reggae version of "Bridge Over Troubled Water" further softened them up before an instrumental interlude, featuring virtuoso saxophonist Michael Brecker enabled Simon to take a breather.

The infectious shuffle of "Graceland" gave way to the wordy stomp of "You Can Call Me Al". Simon was so pleased with the reaction to this one that he instructed the band to play it again before leading them into more gospel sing-alongs with "Love Me Like a Rock" and "Diamonds on the Soles of her Shoes". The latter ended with the kind of massed percussion sequence of which groups like Osibisa or Santana would have been proud.

DAVID SINCLAIR

CONCERTS

LMP/Blech
Hanover Band/Goodman
Festival Hall/QEH

WHEN, 50 years hence, music historians look back on accounts of London's present concert life, they might well be astonished to find on consecutive evenings two concerts in which Mozart was played in diametrically contrasting ways.

On Wednesday, the London Mozart Players celebrated the Festival Hall's fortieth birthday with a gala concert in aid of Age Concern, for which the well-beloved figure of Harry Blech, pictured in the programme with a glass of the sponsor's brew in hand, was in charge. He is now in his eighties; Guinness has evidently been good for him, though on this occasion pure genius eluded his music making. The previous night, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the Hanover Band had shown us another, more convincing way in Haydn as well as Mozart.

Many music-lovers have much reason to be grateful to Blech: he and the LMP used to be one of the mainstays of Festival Hall life in the 1960s. Possibly the style of playing then was not very different from that which he cultivates today.

Unfortunately, on Wednesday he sacrificed vital attention to detail for a more general aura of sweetness and line. That may have worked if the orchestra's attack had been sharper and if, in the slow movements of the "Haffner" Symphony and, especially, the "Linz" Symphony, there had been more impetus. Instead this eloquent, beautiful music was often made to sound dreary, for all the floridness of Blech's gestures. Nevertheless, the audience showed unusual enthusiasm, as they did for Peter Frankl's similarly styled account of the dark-flavoured D minor Piano Concerto, K466.

But for me only Leopold Mozart's trite Toy Symphony — with 15 star guests including a conspicuously competent triangle-wielding David Mellor — was the only work which received a performance that began to stimulate the spirits. Some will argue that a failure to respond to Blech's style simply shows a bias in favour of the period-style approach. Yet 40 or 50 years ago, the young Amadeus Quartet or the Griller Quartet could produce performances of Mozart characterised by a meticulous articulation and liveliness not far removed from the results obtained by the historically aware today.

On Tuesday the Hanover Band and its Chorus, conducted by Roy Goodman, showed a few rough edges in its woodwind department, but the style of their reading of Haydn's wonderful Symphony No 102 was nevertheless effervescent. In Mozart's C minor Mass the combination of the sopranos, Lynne Dawson and Anne Dawson, was far from ideal — the former's voice has a penetrating laser-like quality which sometimes needs to be controlled, and the latter tended to sing as though this music was by Verdi. But this reading showed that the same effervescence can inform the sacred as well as the secular; indeed in the music of this era it should.

STEPHEN PETTITT

RECITALS

Endellion Quartet/
Grieg Trio
Wigmore Hall

AFTER ten years together, with just one change of personnel, the Endellion Quartet is launching into Beethoven, and doing so like there was no tomororow. From the evidence of the first in their six concert cycle, this will be voracious yet ham-fisted Beethoven.

Each evening contains one early, one middle and one late quartet. The Endellion began with the last of the first, the Op 18 No 4, sawing their way through its fractured rhythms, and pushing, rather than propelling, the line with its characteristic *szforzandi*. This was an inauspicious start.

Finer internal and external tuning was required and, initially, achieved, in the grave, exposed opening of the Op 74 in E flat. The harp of its nickname, though, failed to sound through the pinched line of Andrew Watkinson's often strident first violin, and the generally glutinous textures and sluggish phrasing.

With intonation often wide of the mark, one held one's breath whenever the word *presto* or *prestissimo* appeared. It was uncomfortably often. If, by the time the Opus 130 in B flat was reached, speed was at least focused in clear, dancing articulation, the expressive coherence of the six-movement whole was difficult to perceive. There was no *Grosse Fuge*.

The previous evening three chamber musicians, barely out of college and playing together for little more than four years, reminded the Wigmore audience of that freshly instinctive, joyous, yet totally unaggressive playing which was once the Endellion's.

The Grieg Trio from Norway, unbound as yet by record contracts, has only just surfaced in Britain after being discovered at Hungary's Interforum Festival last year. Here are three quite exceptional individual musicians (Solve Sigerland, violin, Ellen Margrete Flesjo, cello, and Vebjorn Anvik, piano) who articulate their *joie de vivre* in finely disciplined technique and broad, authoritative musicial vision.

The three made wonderfully light work of Mozart's Trio in G major and listened to the beating of a sturdy folk heart behind the sophistication of both Grieg's Andante in C minor and Frank Martin's Trio on Irish Folk Tunes. They ended with a Brahms C major Trio of rare clarity and finesse. Applause and encores were long: watch out for their return to London at the Purcell Room on November 7.

HILARY FINCH

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WORD-WATCHING

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DRAGONNADE
(c) Persecutions directed by Louis XIV against French protestants; dragoons were quartered upon the persecuted, from French *dragon* a dragoon: "France was to go her way through Bartholomew massacres and the dragonnades to a polished Louis the Magnificent."

SCUTIFORM
(c) Shield-shaped, from the Latin *scutum* a shield + *forma* shape: "A single joint of the hand is dilated into a broad scutiform plate."

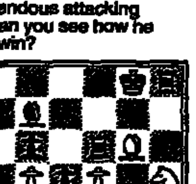
HYPOTYPOSIS
(a) A vivid description, bringing it as it were before the eyes of the hearer or reader, from the Greek *hupotupoein* to sketch; Umberto Eco: "The list could surely go, and there is nothing more wonderful than a list, instrument of wondrous hypotyposis."

DHOLE
(a) The wild dog of the Deccan in India, origin unknown: "Of dogs in such a state of wildness two very remarkable ones are the dhole of India and the dingo of Australia."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a possible variation from the exciting last round game Motwani — Larsen, WFW/City of London Corporation International 1990. White is two rooks down, but has a tremendous attacking position. Can you see how he forces the win?



Solution: 1 Bh7+! Kf7 (1 ... Kxh7 2 Qg7 mate) 2 Qg7+ Ke8 3 Nxf6+ Kd8 4 Qxd7 mate

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

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ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.30 CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN Tomor 7.00 DON GIOVANNI

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THEATRES

ALDWYCH 071-836 6404 CC Also (no bkg fee) 071-379 4444. 071-836 2428, 071-793 1000. TANGO ARGENTINO. The international theatrical sensation that rocked New York, Paris and Tokyo comes to London at last! Prevs. from 17 May: opens 22 May 7.00. 23 May Royal Gala. Tue-Sat eves 8.00. Mats Wed 3.00, Sat 4.30 & Sunday 3.30. FOUR WEEKS ONLY

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ALBERY BO & cc (no fee) 867 1115 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (fee) 793 1000/497 9977 BEST MUSICAL SWET Award 1983 WILLY RUSSELL'S BLOOD BROTHERS with STEPHANIE LAWRENCE "ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp "...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval" D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4

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DUKE OF YORK'S BO & cc 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 836 3464/379 4444/793 1000 COMEDY OF THE YEAR Olivier Awards 1988 KATE FITZGERALD in WILLY RUSSELL'S "GEM" SHIRLEY VALENTINE Eves 8 Mats Thu 3, Sat 5 "The audience roars approval. Shirley's spell is unbreakable" Mail "Funniest play for years" D.R

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GREENWICH THEATRE 081 858 7755 Eves 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 "Timothy Spall brilliantly funny" Ind and Patrick O'Connell in Ronald Eyre's new version of Gogol's THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR "Hilarious" Std.

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LONDON PALLADIUM B/O & CC 071 497 9977 (24hrs), 071-437 7373 071-379 4444, 071-793 1000 (Bkg fee) Grps 071 240 7941 WINNER LAURENCE OLIVIER AWARDS BEST MUSICAL REVIVAL Kern and Hammerstein's SHOW BOAT "Best Song Musical I Have Ever Heard On The West-End Stage" Gdn Eves 7.30 Mats Wed Sat 2.30 The Opera North/RSC Production Directed by Ian Judge Limited Season Until 18 May

LONDON PALLADIUM BO 071 437 7373/437 2055 cc 24hr 379 4444 (no bkg-fee) 497 9977 24hr (bkg fee) 793 1000 Prevs from 1 June Opens 12 June THE ONLY MUSICAL SEEN & SUNG BY MILLIONS Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Starring JASON DONOVAN

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LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) From Tues. LAST PERFS Theatr Clwyd's ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE brilliant adaptation S.T. Eves 7.45pm, Sat 4pm. STUDIO, ESC's GOD SAY AMEN Eves 7.00 pm Sat 4.30 & 8.00pm. Workshop Sat 1.30pm

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252: Grps 071 620 0741; 24 hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 OLIVIER Ton't 7.15 Tomor 2.00 & 7.15 THE MISER by Moliere PLATFORM PERF Today 6pm DIALOGUE: STEVEN PIMLOTT & JEREMY SAMS LYTTELTON Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.15 & 7.30 THE TRIAL by Kafka adapted by Berkoff COTTESLOE Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 WHITE CHAMELEON by Hampton

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OLD VIC 071 928 7616 or 071 793 0500 (agency no fee) cc (all with bkg fee) 071 793 1000/379 4444/497 9977 Eves 7.45 Wed & Sat Mats 3 pm "THE MUSICAL HIT OF THE YEAR" Int Herald Tribune OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II's CARMEN JONES "BIZET'S MUSIC SUNG BY A STUNNING CAST" Evening Standard Directed by Simon Callow "SIZZLES WITH EXPLOSIVE PASSION" Today "BY FAR THE BEST MUSICAL IN TOWN" Daily Telegraph "MAGIC" Time Out

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PHOENIX BO & cc 071 867 1044 cc 379 4444 (no fee) 793 1000/497 9977 BEST PLAY OLIVIER/SWET AWARDS '91 DANCING AT LUGHNASA "Poignant, hilarious & spell-binding" Sunday Times. Brian Friel's new masterpiece "ASTONISHING" D Express. Mon-Sat 8 Mats Thur 3.0 Sat 4.0

PICCADILLY 071 867 1118 cc no bkg fee: 867 1111/071 793 1000 071 379 4444 (24hrs)/bkg fee: 071 497 9977 (24hrs) Groups 071-930 6123 RICHARD O'BRIEN'S "MAD BAD FUN MUSICAL" D Mir THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW Directed by Robin Lefevre "RAMPANT WITH ACTIVITY" Sunday Express Mon-Thur 8 Fri & Sat 7 & 9.15 90 mins BOOKING THRU AUG 91

PRINCE OF WALES BO 071 839 5972 CC 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 24hr 379 6131 (bkg fee) 793 1000 Grps 930 6123 ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 NOW BOOKING TO APRIL 1992

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 cc 24 hr (bkg fee) 836 3464/379 4444/793 1000 SARAH BRIGHTMAN in The Music of ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER With full Orchestra and Ensemble "AN EXTRAORDINARILY POWERFUL EVENING" D Mail 12 perfs only from 13 May Nightly at 8.00 pm

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ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON 071 638 8891 cc Mon-Sun 9am-8pm BARBICAN THEATRE MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 THE PIT: THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 STRATFORD UPON AVON 0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE HENRY IV, PART 1 Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30 THE SWAN: THE VIRTUOSO Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30 Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999. RSC's 24hr box office (bkg fee) 071 497 9977

ROYAL COURT THEATRE 071-730 1745 cc 071-836 2428 - TOP GIRLS by Caryl Churchill Eves at 8.00, Sat Mat at 4.00

SADLER'S WELLS 071-278 8916 Returning to London by popular demand SUSAN HAMPSHIRE DAVID YIP in Rodgers & Hammerstein's THE KING AND I "MAGIC" D. Mail "SUMPTUOUS" Times "ELEGANT" D. Exp Eves 7.30. Wed & Sat mats 2.30 GROUP SALES 071-930 6123 credit cards (bkg fee Fri & Sat perfs only) 793 1000/379 4444 LIMITED SEASON 4 JUNE TO 13 JULY

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WHITEHALL 867 1119 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (no bkg fee) 793 1000 (bkg fee) LESLIE GRANTHAM "Makes an impeccable West End debut" Sunday Times in "David Gilmore's perfectly judged, completely staged and powerfully played production" Daily Mail RICK'S BAR CASABLANCA the original play by Murray Burnett and Joan Alison "A treat I wouldn't have missed" The Sun Evgs 8.00. Sats 6.00 & 8.45 Mats Thurs 3.00 MUST END TOMORROW

WYNDHAMS THEATRE B.O. 867 1116 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (bkg fee) (24hrs) 793 1000 Grps 240 7941 Now Previewing OPENS WED MAY 15th EDWARD FOX TIM BROOKE-TAYLOR in THE PHILANTHROPIST by Christopher Hampton Directed by Kenneth Ives Evgs Mon-Fri 8.00, Mat Thurs 3.00, Sats 5.00 & 8.30 FOR A LIMITED SEASON

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CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 071 439 4805 Beverly D'Angelo, Donal McCann in Neil Jordan's THE MIRACLE (15) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun) 3.40 6.10 & 8.30 Last Week From Fri LIFE IS SWEET (15)

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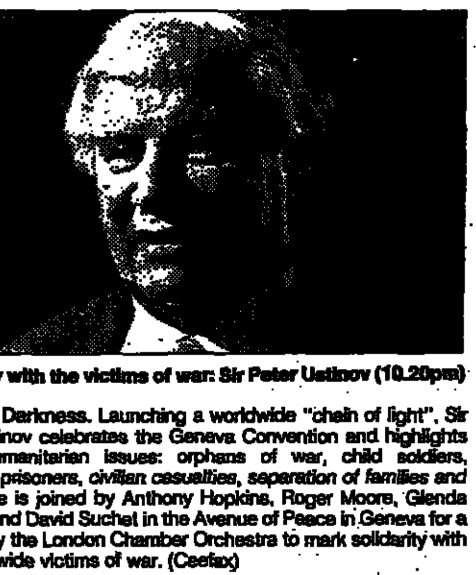
BBC 1

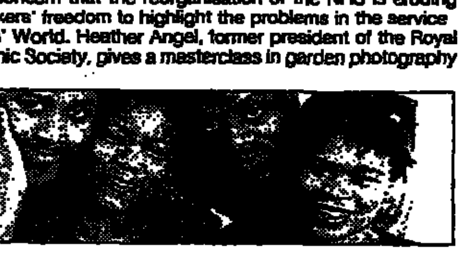
6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford is joined by MPs Sir Norman Fowler, Harriet Harman and Rosie Barnes in a discussion on the unsociable hours of the House of Commons 9.50 Dish of the Day. Another recipe for those in need of inspiration in the kitchen
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 Bump (r) 10.35 Turnabout. Fast-paced word association quiz (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 People Today. Adrian Mills and Mairi Maciver discover the unusual experiences of people around Britain
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Travel Show Extra. A look at holidays in Sardinia and the Giant's Causeway in Ireland *12.20 Scene Today. Live entertainment, music and chat from* Pebble Mill. Among the guests are Peter Cushing and Richard O'Brien 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: Honky Tonk (1941, b/w). Brisk comic Western starring Clark Gable as a charming but incorrigible trickster who arrives in the boomtown of Honky Tonk, Nevada, determined to find position and wealth. Romance crosses his path in the attractive shape of Lana Turner, he becomes sheriff and accumulates a small fortune. It is *not long, however, before the townspeople smell a rat. Directed* by Jack Conway
3.30 Betty Boop 3.50 Quick Draw McGraw (r) 3.56 A Bear Behind. Boz and Lindsey organise a party (r) 4.10 Rude Dog and the Dweebs. Animated adventures (r) 4.35 The Legend of Tim Tyler. First of a 13-part children's fantasy series set in Germany about a boy whose irresistible laugh always gets him out of trouble (r)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Girl From Tomorrow. Drama series about a girl from the year 3000, thrown back in time to 1990s Australia. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The guests are Richard Bates (son of H.E.) and his mother Madge, Lord and Lady Tavistock, and Dorset oyster farmer Neville Copperthwaite. Music is provided by Whycliffe
7.40 Joint Account. Feeble role-reversal comedy starring Hannah Gordon as bank executive Belinda Braithwaite and Peter Egan as her stay-at-home husband (r). (Ceefax)
8.10 You Rang, M'Lord? *Upstairs Downstairs* gets the *Hi-De-Hi* treatment with familiar faces Su Pollard, Jeffrey Holland and Paul Shane *in an unremarkable cross-class sitcom (r). (Ceefax)*
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax) Weather
9.30 The Sharp End. Amusing debt-collection comedy-drama starring Gwen Taylor as Celia Forrest, head of a collection agency. Wealthy businessman Mal Westerly (Terence Rigby) is refusing to pay a £7,000 bill for repairs to his fleet of vans. Worse still, he is pressuring his drivers to break the law. It is a case the self-righteous Celia cannot resist. (Ceefax)


Solidarity with the victims of war: Sir Peter Ustinov (10.20pm)

10.20 Light the Darkness. Launching a worldwide "chain of light", Sir Peter Ustinov celebrates the Geneva Convention and highlights seven humanitarian issues: orphans of war, child soldiers, refugees, prisoners, *civilian casualties, separation of families and* torture. He is joined by Anthony Hopkins, Roger Moore, Glenda Jackson and David Suchet in the Avenue of Peace in Geneva for a concert by the London Chamber Orchestra to mark solidarity with the worldwide victims of war. (Ceefax)
11.20 Film: I, Monster (1970). Horror veterans Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing team up for another Hammer variation on the *Jekyll and Hyde* theme. Dr Charles Marlowe (Lee) develops a drug that he hopes will release his inhibitions and reveal his inner self. Using himself as a guinea pig, he discovers the serum has alarming side-effects which involve *the inevitable murdering spree. Low budget* material, inventively *directed* by Stephen Weeks. Wales: Rugby Special Wales 11.45 Film: I, Monster (1970)
12.40am Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University. Elements Discovered. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Daytime on Two
2.00 News and weather *followed* by Words and Pictures 2.15 Weekend Outlook (r) 2.20 Student Nurse. An insight into the trials of life for a student nurse (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Food and Drink (r) 3.50 News, *regional news and weather*
4.00 Call My Bluff chaired by Robert Robinson (r)
4.30 Plunder. Keith Waterhouse trawls through the BBC's archives
5.00 Summoned By Bells. An Edwardian childhood as seen through the eyes of John Betjeman (r)
6.00 Film: Doc Savage — The Man of Bronze (1975). Ron Ely, of *Tarzan* fame, plays Doc Savage, the superhuman leader of the "Amazing Five" team of indestructibles who are pitted against the ruthless Captain Seas (Paul Wexler). Feeble comic strip spoof, directed by Michael Anderson. Wales: *A Way with Numbers* 6.25 When in France 6.50 Discovering Portuguese 7.15-7.45 Wales in Westminster
7.35 Animation Now. *The Night Visitors*, made by Richard Ollive
7.45 What the Papers Say with Peter Jenkins of *The Independent*
8.00 Public Eye: Health Service — Secret Service. A report on mounting concern that the reorganisation of the NHS is eroding health workers' freedom to highlight the problems in the service
8.30 Gardeners' World. Heather Angel, former president of the Royal Photographic Society, *gives a masterclass in garden photography*


Alternative comedy: humour from a black perspective (9.00pm)

9.00 The Real McCoy.
● CHOICE: A new comedy series written and performed by blacks aims, according to its producer Charlie Hanson, "to air ideas and characters you wouldn't see on other British television comedy shows". The ambition to present a black perspective is only sporadically realised in tonight's opener, despite the influence of *Lenny Henry who acted as a guru for the series. The opening* sequence, a lengthy spoof on breakfast television, could have come out of any comedy programme and so could a sketch about a boxer who wonders why his opponent keeps hitting him. There is a hint of political satire in a joke about becoming the Tory MP for Cheltenham and a mildly astringent sketch in which the show's sole white performer recites racist clichés over a canteen meal. But the show is not out to score political points and if the quality is uneven, there is no denying the potential talent
9.30 *Your Life In Their Hands: Striving For Perfection?*
● CHOICE: This edition on cosmetic surgery contains the usual sequences in the operating theatre (not recommended after a heavy meal) but *ranges into areas beyond the strictly medical.* Face-lifts, nose jobs and the like are usually associated with the vanities of the showbusiness set. This film is about three ordinary people anxious about their appearance and desperate to improve it. Wendy was left with folds of skin after losing 13 stones and is too embarrassed to be seen in a swimming costume. David is *sensitive about his protruding ears. Angela hates her prominent* nose, although her family and friends see nothing wrong with it. None can be considered an emergency case and the National Health Service has only half the plastic surgeons needed to meet demand. But the programme argues that when cosmetic surgery can transform a person's life, it cannot be dismissed as vanity. (Ceefax)
10.20 10 x 10: Back To Eden. A wry tale of a future where near-extinct vegetables have assumed the market value of precious minerals
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow. Includes Francine Stock reporting from the Scottish Conservative party conference in Perth 11.15 Weather
11.20 Film: La Strada (1956).
● CHOICE: Before *La Strada* Federico Fellini was a promising young Italian film-maker with only a modest reputation outside Italy. After it he was a director of international standing who never looked back. *La Strada* won the Oscar for best foreign film and was a huge commercial success. Nino Rota's haunting music sold millions of copies. Fellini built the film from simple ingredients. His heroine, Gelsomina (played by his wife, Giulietta Masina) is a Chaplinesque waif who is sold to a brutal street entertainer (Anthony Quinn) and becomes a circus clown. She falls in love with *him. Her affections are not returned* but she remains cheerful and resilient. Much critical ink has been spilled over the Gelsomina character. Is she oppressed or, on the contrary, her own woman? It hardly matters. Masina's wonderfully expressive and moving performance bypasses theory and goes straight to the emotions. Ends at 1.10am

ITV

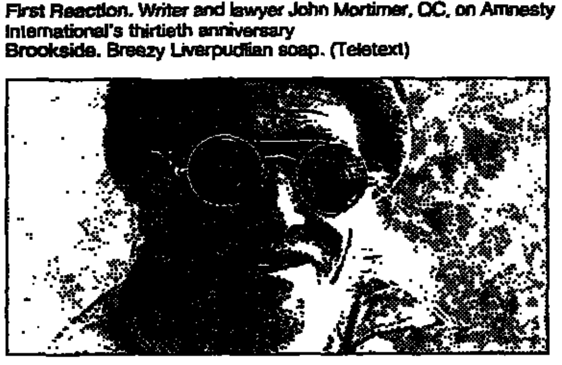
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Game show 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on ME or "yuppie flu"
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine programme presented by husband-and-wife team, Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 Rainbow. Children's educational entertainment (r)
12.30 News with *Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.10* Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 Simply the Best — A Celebration of British Food. Kit Chapman meets an eccentric hill farmer with a taste for real chicken pie and a green-fingered doctor who grows 16 varieties of potato 2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Pen and paper charades hosted by Danny Baker
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama set in a large city *hospital*
3.55 Ask Oddie. Bill Oddie investigates the plight of the seal 4.15 Scooby Doo. Cartoon 4.40 Finders Keepers. Children's game show hosted by Neil Buchanan
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock Live. Frank Bough presents the first of two programmes on the theme of holidays, beginning with breaks in Britain. The studio guests are *Emmerdale* stalwarts Richard Thorp and Diana Davies. Followed by LWT Weather
6.55 The Day follows John as he tries to come to terms with his stammer
7.00 Through the Keyhole. David Frost offers the rich and famous a chance to get their homes on television, while Loyd Grossman fawns over the doubtful decor and dishes out cryptic clues to celebrity panellists Frances Edmonds, Willie Rushton and Anne Gregg. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Second Thoughts: Match of the Day. Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam star in the cheerful sitcom about the joys and frustrations of love and marriage the second time around. Bill and Faith plan to move in together but Bill's attempts to ingratiate *himself* with Faith's children are far from subtle, and none too *successful.* (Oracle)
8.30 The Piglet Files: Red Spy at Night. Dismal spy comedy with Nicholas Lyndhurst as the dim MI5 agent Peter Chapman, code-named Piglet. Peter comes across evidence of a mole near the top of MI5 — just as a former British defector appears. With Clive Francis, John Ringman, Michael Percival and Steven Law. (Oracle)

Environmental protester: Owen John O'Mahony (9.00pm)

9.00 The Chief. Last in the robust police drama starring Tim Pigott-Smith as unorthodox Chief Constable John Stafford who faces a conflict of conscience when he is called upon to evict environmental protesters from a ship legally carrying toxic waste. With Owen John O'Mahony. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with *Julia* Somerville and Trevor *McDonald.* (Oracle) Weather 10.30 LWT News and weather followed by The Day
10.35 The Bangladesh Disaster Appeal
10.40 Crime Monthly. Paul Ross presents ITV's answer to the BBC's *Crimewatch UK*, tonight looking at an undercover operation to net a gang of East End mobsters
11.40 Hooperman. Police comedy starring John Ritter stars as the unconventional lawman
12.10am The Young Riders. Adventures of six Pony Express riders in 1860s Dakota
1.05 The James Whale Show. More phone-ins, superficial banter and music with the argumentative DJ
2.05 Raw Power. Compilation of rock videos
3.05 CinemAttractions with Charlie Tuna
3.35 American Gladiators. Fran Tarkenton and Tim Wrightman present wrestling action with the six American gladiators
4.25 Ski World. Where to go in the world of skiing, what to wear and how to do it
4.45 Spectacular Sportsbloopers and Fab Fouls. Compilation of sporting blunders and mishaps
5.05 Superboy. Adventures of the junior super-hero (John Haymes Newton), alias college boy Clark Kent (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business *Daily introduced by Susannah Simons*
1.00 Sesame Street. Early-learning series for pre-school children. Guest star is Danny DeVito
2.00 A Full Life: Denis Healey. An MP since 1953, this forthright *politician talks about his wartime experiences and reviews his long* and varied political career (r)
2.30 Film: Halfway House (1944, b/w). Basil Dearden directed this creepy and sombre British thriller about a mixed handful of characters forced to stay overnight at a guest house situated in a remote Welsh valley. Starring Mervyn Johns and Glynis Johns
4.15 Antennae on Ice. Rein Raamat's animated version of a polar expedition
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 I Love Lucy: Lucy Becomes a Sculptress (b/w). Classic American sitcom from the Fifties starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz
5.30 Sumo. Day 15 of the Autumn Basho
6.00 Kate & Allie. Comedy drama about two divorced women sharing a Greenwich Village apartment (r)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are Jim Davidson and the Soul Family Sensation
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext)
7.50 First Reaction. Writer and lawyer John Mortimer, QC, on Amnesty International's thirtieth anniversary
8.00 Brookside. Breezy Liverpudlian soap. (Teletext)


Climbing to the peak of his very being: Dawa Tenzing (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: Solitary Journey.
● CHOICE: It would be a tall order trying to cram the 1953 conquest of Everest into a bare half hour and this Canadian film sensibly does not try. Instead it *offers the interspliced* reminiscences of Lord Hunt and his Sherpa, Dawa Tenzing, both about the ascent itself and its wider implications. Film clips help to recall the atmosphere. It is a simple format but often an effective one, particularly as the two men offer a complete contrast in style and perspective. Hunt is so dry and matter of fact that it comes as shock to learn that he burst into tears when he knew the summit had been reached. Tenzing is more lyrical and expansive, seeing the mountain as part of his very being instead of simply a *challenge to be met. There is regret on both sides that the Sherpa* way of life has been changed for the worse by the chance to make money out of foreign tourists. (Teletext)
9.00 Cheers. Sparky American sitcom set in a cosy Boston drinking-hole. (Teletext)
9.30 Dig. Carolyn Marshall presents the series aimed at encouraging younger viewers to get their fingers green. This edition includes a report on whether plants can be considered intelligent, as well as taking a look at the famous rock garden on St Michael's Mount. *(Teletext)*
10.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking American sitcom about the lives of the blue-collar Connor family, headed by the outsize Roseanne Barr. (Teletext)
10.30 Whose Line Is it Anyway? Highlights of the series recorded in New York
11.00 Friday at the Dome. Includes an investigation of "Death Metal" clubs and a meeting with Motorhead frontman Lemmy. There are also performances by indy band Curve and radical Irish folk-singer Christy Moore, who later talks to *Bob Marley's mother*, Cedella Booker
12.15am Six of the Best with Jonathan Ross. With Marina Ogilvy, Dawn French and the music of Banderas
12.45 Film: Undying Monster (1942, b/w). Superior Hollywood B movie from German director John Brahm that is unusual in its sombre treatment of lycanthropic myths. In late Victorian England the two surviving members of the Hammond family (Heather Angel and John Howard) believe they are cursed to die at the paws of a werewolf. When a series of killings occurs, a disbelieving Scotland Yard inspector (James Ellison) is sent to investigate. A rarely-seen film with first-rate cinematography by Luicien Ballard. Also starring Bramwell Fletcher and Heather Thatcher
1.55 *Sumo. Repeat of this afternoon's programme. Ends at 2.25*

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As Scottish except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Cross Question 11.40 Married...with Children 12.10am-1.05 Running on Empty 2.05 Video View 2.35 Gilbert's Late 3.05 Friday the 13th 4.00 World of Skiing 5.00-5.30 Inter Bang!

BORDER
As Scottish except: 3.25pm-3.55 The Young Doctors 6.00-6.30 Lookaround Friday 10.40 His Majesty's Most Loyal Enemy Aliens 11.40 Coach 12.10am-1.05 Murphy's Law 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55 Space 4.50 Ben Sidran 5.20-5.30 Robert Plant

CENTRAL
As Scottish except: 5.10pm-5.40 My Secret Identity 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10am-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 The Island of Dr Moreau 3.55 The Hit Man and Her 4.55-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As Scottish except: 5.10pm-5.40 Give Us a Clue 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Granada Up Front *11.40 Hooperman 12.10am-1.05 Friday the* 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55 Space 4.50 Ben Sidran 5.20-5.30 Robert Plant

HTV WEST
As Scottish except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 HTV Sportsweek *10.40-1.00 It's Nearly Saturday*

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.40-11.40 Swansea Festival

LONDON
As Scottish except: 3.25pm-3.55 The Young Doctors 6.00-7.00 6 O'Clock Live 10.40 Crime Monthly 11.40 Hooperman 12.10am-1.05 The Young Riders *2.05 Raw* Power 3.05 CinemAttractions 3.35 American Gladiators 4.25 Ski World 4.45 Spectacular Sportsbloopers and Fab Fouls 5.05-5.30 Superboy

TSW
As Scottish except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Taxi 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.40-11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am-1.05 Friday the 13th *2.05* The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55 Space 4.50 Ben Sidran 5.20-5.30 Robert Plant

TVS
As Scottish except: 2.20pm-2.50 Countryside Close 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.40-11.40 After the News 12.10am-1.05 Wolf 2.05 The Young Riders 3.00 Raw Power 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.30 The Channon and Ball Video Show

TYNE TEES
As Scottish except: 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 On the Wild Side 10.40 Point of Order 11.10 A Seat in the Stands 12.00 Heart of the Country 12.10am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55 Space 4.50 Ben Sidran 5.20-5.30 Robert Plant

ULSTER
As Scottish except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and *Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00* Sportsbeat 10.40 Kelly 12.05am-1.05 Beauty and the Beast 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55 Space 4.50 Ben Sidran 5.20-5.30 Robert Plant

YORKSHIRE
As Scottish except: 1.55pm-2.20 An Invitation to Remember: Trevor Howard 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 The Wonderful World of Soaps 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.10 City Centre Cycling *12.05am-1.05* Friday the 13th — The Series 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.345 The Concert 3.35 Kojak 4.30 The Jacksons 4.55-5.30 Magic, Magic

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Sbectol 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Cooking with Mosimann 2.30 Halfway House* 4.15 Antennae on Ice 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 O Fan i Fan *8.00 Rasio 8.30* Newyddion 8.55 Cytrinachau'r Gors 9.45 Short and Curlies 10.00 Cheers 10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 11.00 Friday at the Dome 12.15am The Week with Jonathan Ross 12.45 Film: Undying Monster* 1.55 Sumo 2.25 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.40pm Oireachtas Report 1.00 News 1.35 Crusade in the Pacific 2.00 GP 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Forsyte Saga 5.15 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Play the Game 7.35 Around the World in Eighty Days *8.30 Shakin' All Over 9.00 News 9.30 The* Late Late Show 11.35 News followed by Film: The Two Lives of Carol Letner 1.25am Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 5.25 Home and Away 5.55 Nuacht 7.00 World of Horses 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Roseanne 9.30 News followed by Film: Amici Per La Pelle 11.00-12.15am Friday at the Dome

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
7.00 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Sheppard (Libera nos, salva nos: The Sixteen under Harry Christophers); Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks: The King's Consort under King)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Walton (Bagatelles Nos 1 and 2: Julian Bream, guitar); Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody No 1 in A: Romanian Radio Orchestra under Iosif Conta); Paganini (Violin Concerto No 2 in B Minor: Salvatore Accardo; *LPO under Dutoit) 8.30 News*
8.35 Variations? Brahms (Variations on the St Anthony Chorale, Op 56a: Vienna PO under Bernstein); Webern (Variations, Op 27: Charles Rosen, piano); Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge, Op 10: ECO under the composer); Berio (Points on the Curve to Find: Pierre-Laurent Aimard, piano, Ensemble Intercontemporain under Boulez); Dvořák (Symphonic Variations, Op 78: LSO under Kertesz)
11.35 BBC PO Spanish Tour: The orchestra under Gunther Herbig, with Janis Vakarelis, piano, performs Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2 in A); Bruckner (Symphony No 6 in A)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Festival of Brass: The Sun Life Band under Roy Newsome plays Lalo, arr F. Wright (Overture, Le Roi d'Ys); Bliss (Kenilworth; Belmont Variations); Bliss, arr E. Ball (Four Dances from *Checkmate*)
2.00 Opera News (r)
2.45 Mining the Archive: American music for stage and film played by the BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra, conducted and introduced by Aaron Copland, who died last year. Virgil Thomson (Suite, Louisiana Story); Copland (Suite, Appalachian Spring); Walter Piston (Suite, The Incredible Flautist) (r)
4.00 Ronan O'Hora: The pianist plays Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 10 No 1); Dvořák (Waltzes, Op 54); Chopin (Polonaise in C sharp minor, Op 26 No 1; Fantasy in F minor, Op 49) (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, with Michael Berkeley
6.30 Two's Company: Charles Melville looks at small jazz groups that have two front-line soloists playing different instruments. Including trumpeter Miles Davis and saxophonist Sonny Rollins with the Miles Davis quartet
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: With the Georges Seurat exhibition running at the Grand Palais in Paris, Edwin Mullin chairs a discussion *on the scientific* colour theories behind such famous images as *Sunday on the Grande Jatte* and on Seurat's place in French art
7.30 BBC SO under Alexander Lazarev performs Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Ives (Symphony No 2); Wagner (Siegfried's Rhine Journey; Siegfried's Funeral Music; Brünnhilde's Immolation from Götterdämmerung: Anne Evans, soprano), incl 8.20 Interval Reading
9.25 The Improbable Dream
● CHOICE: *Graham Fawcett's* profile of the avant-garde Italian composer Luigi Nono, who died last year, focuses on his dedication to audience-artist communication. Nono once defined the attainment of his objective as the improbable dream because the ideal and the main obstacle to achieving it were one and the same thing: to make it possible for even the *most challenging* modern music to be enjoyed by any audience. To assess the degree of success Nono achieved, Fawcett talks to *Italian factory workers who* attended his concerts, to more conventional concert-goers in London, and to fellow composers such as Boulez and Goehr, toilers in soil as difficult as Nono's
10.25 Tchaikovsky: The pianist Alma Petchersky plays Sonata in G, Op 37 (r)
11.05 The Head of the Bed: Parnassus under Anthony Korf, with Judith Bettina, soprano, performs John Hollander's poem set for soprano and four instruments by Milton Babbitt
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Gesualdo, Victoria (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, with the Rev Derek Boden (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.58 *Weather*
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Richard Rogers, the award-winning *architect (s) (r)*
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' comments about BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: The Creamery Manager, written and read by John McGahern
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Smaranda
● CHOICE: Historically, "Kit" Thomson, one-time air secretary and the David who complemented Ramsay MacDonald's Jonathan, captured Jericho and Jerusalem. Romantically, he captured the heart of a Romanian princess, Marthe Bibesco. The two disparate strands in Thomson are interwoven in *Michael* Johnston's feature which could have done with some judicious pruning of duplicated biographical data. *Before his death in the R101* airship crash in 1930, the soldier (played by Jonathan Hyde) and the princess (Janet Suzman) traced the course of their 15-year romance in their correspondence and, coded, in the books they wrote. *Smaranda* decodes these passages, but the letters are more fruitful (s)
11.47 A Short History of the Cold Shower: Marriage. A final light-hearted foray into sexual *advice given over the past* 100 years (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Making the Community Care. Debbie Thrower looks to the future in *the final programme in the* series on care in the community. For free, confidential advice and information, phone 0800 500 *800 between midday and 7pm*
12.35 The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper. Will the implementation of new legislation turn strawberry mousse into forbidden fruit? 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 *News; Women's Hour: From* Birmingham. Includes a discussion on the arms trade; a report on an environmentally-conscious balloon festival; and a look at how housekeepers are portrayed in literature
3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Mill on the Floss, by George Eliot (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Fourth Column (new series): Simon Hoggart takes a quizzical look at life
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of an *exhibition of Masterworks of European Photography;* Molière's *The Miser* at the National Theatre; and the Irish singer/songwriter *Christie Moore's new album, Smoke and Strong Whiskey* (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin presents the transport magazine
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Chester by Rosie Barnes, MP; *Baroness Blackstone, master* of Birbeck College; and John Taylor, prospective Conservative party candidate for Cheltenham
8.50 Law in Action
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Pipe Dreams (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Swamp Angel, by Ethel Wilson. Read by Shelley Thompson (5 of 10)
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 *Weather 12.33 Shipping*

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 *Growing Pains 8.00 Ripside 9.00 Hunter* 10.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 The Friday Fright Night Feature Film: Tarantula (1955) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Newswatch 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.00 Dayline 10.30 Those Were *the Days 11.00 International* Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC News 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Words by Heart: A black family's *struggle against prejudice and adversity at* the turn of the century
12.00 Mayerling (1968): Period romance about the doomed love affair between the crown prince of Austria (Omar Sharif) and his commoner mistress (Catherine Deneuve)
2.15pm September (1988): Woody Allen's small-scale drama about the various romantic intrigues of six guests staying at Mia Farrow's Vermont country house
4.00 S*P*Y*S (1974): A spoof of secret-agent films starring Elliott Gould and Donald *Sutherland*
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988): A mixture of live action and animation in which a down-at-heel private eye (Bob Hoskins) teams up with the titular rabbit, who is *unjustly accused of murder*
8.00 Erik the Viking (1989): Terry Jones's adaptation of his own children's book about *a viking warrior's quest to find the fabled city* of the gods. Starring Tim Robbins and John Cleese
10.00 Cop (1987): Maverick detective Lloyd Hopkins (James Woods) sets out to solve a series of killings that have taken place over the past 15 years. Co-stars Lesley Ann Warren
11.50 Once Upon a Time in America (1983): Sergio Leone's epic drama about the lives of a group of Italian Americans spanning several generations. *Starring* Robert De Niro and James Woods
4.00am Cutting Class (1988): Horror satire in which a high school student is suspected of a series of murders. Starring Donovan Leitch and Roddy McDowall. Ends at 5.30

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Arise My Love (1940): Romantic drama set in war-torn Spain. *Starring* Claudette Colbert and Ray Milland
8.15 Desire Under the Elms (1958): Steamy Eugene O'Neill drama set in 19th century New England, starring Sophia Loren as a young wife in love with her stepson
10.15 Northern Lights (1979): A group of farmers in North Dakota struggle to survive. Starring Rob Nilsson and Robert Behling
12.15pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? (1967): A young woman brings her coloured *fiancé home to meet her parents. Starring* Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy and Sidney Poitier
2.15 Ishtar (1987): Two incompetent song-writers become caught up in political intrigue in the Middle East. Starring Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman
4.15 *Mr Too Little:* Children's film about a poodle and a tiger, who escape from the circus for a series of exciting adventures in the big city
6.15 The Wizard of Oz (1939): Musical in which Judy Garland follows the yellow brick road to the magical land of Oz
8.15 Dreamer of Oz (1990): Biopic of L. Frank Baum, the author of the *Wizard of Oz* books. Starring John Ritter and Annette O'Toole
10.15 Iron Eagle (1986): An Air Force pilot (Jason Gedrick) steals an F-16 fighter in the hope of rescuing his father, kidnapped in the Middle East
12.10am Cinema Paradiso (1989): A successful film-maker remembers his happy childhood days spent in the projection booth of the local cinema. Starring Philippe Noiret
2.15 Grandmother's House (1988): Two children, forced to live with their grandparents *on a remote farm, are terrorised by a* maniacal woman. Starring *Eric Foster and* Kim Valentine
3.45 Paris By Night (1989): A female politician has an affair and, fearing blackmail, murders her lover. Starring Charlotte Rampling and Michael Gambon. Ends at 5.25

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
1.00pm Motor World 2.00 Australian Rugby League 4.00 NWA Wrestling 5.00 Waterskiing *6.00 Rodeo 7.00* Torque *8.00* Matchroom League Snooker 10.00 Australian Rules Football 12.00 Matchroom League Snooker

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Surfing 8.00 Cycling Tour 8.30 Dupont Cycling 9.00 British Motor Sport 10.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 11.00 French *Rugby League 12.30 Mud and Monsters* 1.30 Live Windsor Horse Show 2.00 European Golf 3.30 Live Windsor Horse Show 4.30 Cycling Tour 6.00 NBA Basketball 8.00 Go 9.00 US Pro Boxing 10.00 *Cycling Tour 10.30 Dupont Cycling 11.00* NHL Ice Hockey 1.00am Pro Box 3.00 RAC Rallycross 4.00 Sport de France 4.30 World Snooker Classics

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Wok With Yan 12.15pm Sally *Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search* for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 The David Niven Show 3.10 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Phyllis 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

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Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 1

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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Brian Hayes 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford, incl at 2.10-2.25 Take 2! 4.00 Anthony Newley 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Mind Your Own Business: A High Moral Tone 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programme: Seamus McKee takes an arts excursion across Northern Ireland 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Ride *3.00-4.00am A Little Night Music*

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 This Family Business: 0345 909 693, incl 11.00, 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News; Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News; Sport 2.05 1, 2, *3, 4, 5 (r)* 2.30 World Service: Global Concerns 2.45 The International Money Programme 3.00 News; Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 News; Sport 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Danny Fox: A novel by Jack Thompson 7.35 King Street Junior: Language Unit. Sixth of a seven-part comedy drama by Jim Eldridge 8.00 Multitrack 1 8.30 Afro Pop 9.30 Club Class: *Dave Cohen. Sets by Britain's best young comedians (6 of 12) 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 Rave,* incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French *5.47* British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 World News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 Eastern Europe 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music Review 10.00 World News 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Focus on Faith 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 Eastern Europe: What Happened to the Revolution? 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: Midnight Tales — The Squaw 3.45 The Learning World 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.29 News 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features *7.54* News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Eastern Europe: What Happened to the Revolution? 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Science in Action 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Pop into the Movies (2 of 8) 11.20 People and Politics 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Worldbrief 12.30 Multitrack 3 *1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook* 2.30 Short Story 2.45 Here's Humph! 3.00 Newsdesk *3.30 People and Politics* 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 The Vintage Chart Show 4.45 News and Features in German

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TT 10/05

Labour to give options for early retirement

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour leadership is considering radical changes to pensions policy that would allow large groups of people to retire early on full state pension. The party has also outlined plans for abolishing incentives to encourage people to join private pension schemes, and for improvements to the state scheme. The incentive scheme costs £600 million a year.

The Conservative party said last night that Labour was pursuing a vendetta against personal pensions. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, said Labour's plans could deny millions of people real choice over their pension by pushing their savings back "into Labour's hugely expensive state pension plan".

Michael Meacher, the shadow social security secretary, said that Labour was studying proposals to allow workers in heavy manual trades to retire early. This would mean people in specified occupations could get the full pension at a younger age than normal, and workers would be given the chance to continue working part-time during a "decade of retirement" while they drew part of their pension.

A scheme for the state pension to be paid at a higher rate for older people — with, for example, a top-up pension for people aged over 80 — is also being studied. Labour is considering letting people retire below state retirement age once they have completed a specified number of years, possibly 40, in the state retirement scheme.

Labour is considering the options in an attempt to give men and women a "decade of flexibility" between the ages of 60 and 70. They would be free to retire on full pension or to continue in work without discrimination on age grounds. The cost of the proposals are being worked out and Labour sources admit they would be expensive. The government has estimated that it would cost £3 billion to introduce a retirement age of 60 for both men and women.

Mr Meacher spelt out Labour's pension plan proposals in a speech to the Association of Pension Lawyers. The plans follow last week's public accounts committee report, which estimated that the cost of incentives and rebates for the four million people expected to quit the state earnings related pensions scheme (Serps) for private personal pensions could be £6 billion.

People leaving Serps are entitled to rebates from their contributions into the National Insurance fund. The rebate is 5.8 per cent of relevant individual earnings. If they join private schemes rather than occupational schemes, they receive an extra 2 per cent rebate of the sums they have paid.

Mr Meacher said yesterday that the 2 per cent incentive was grossly unfair because it meant that those who contributed to the state scheme were being forced to provide a bribe for those who opted out.

Mr Newton said Mr Meacher's hostility to personal pensions was long-standing and Labour would have to impose a massive tax to pay for their promises.

Townships riven as talks fail

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reached on most issues, but that others required further discussion.

However, as Mr de Klerk issued his statement, residents of Tembisa township, northeast of Johannesburg, were fighting with AK47 rifles and pistols, killing at least six people and wounding five seriously. A police officer, Colonel Johan Mostert, said: "It seems that the ANC was responsible."

On the question of traditional Zulu weapons, such as spears, Mr de Klerk said that Pretoria was not prepared to ban them "at this stage". They were excluded from a ban on the public display of dangerous weapons that took effect in six townships around Johannesburg yesterday.

The ANC has demanded that all weapons be banished from township streets. It was unclear whether the ANC would carry out its threat to suspend negotiations with Pretoria if its demands for various measures to curb the violence were not met.

MARC ASPLAND

Topsy-turvy tradition: Simon Ward, 12, of St Dunstan's College, Catford, London, is held over the Thames yesterday to "beat the bounds" of All Hallows by the Tower parish. It was the first time on water for the medieval custom, revived 15 years ago

Weapons flow in for ethnic militias

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intelligence tracked the deal which, when it was revealed, proved to be a profound embarrassment to the Hungarian government. The Hungarians first denied the deal and then defended it, arguing that it was a legal transaction since Yugoslavia was not officially a "crisis zone". The Hungarian supply route immediately dried up and Zagreb started to look further afield.

Since most of the Yugoslav arms industry is on Serbian territory and close to the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav army, the Croats felt that they had no choice but to make deals outside the country. The Croatian government has been recruiting men for its self-defence force and, according to perhaps inflated estimates, there are now 40,000 under arms.

The prices of automatic weapons are at an all time low — partly because of east German stocks, partly because of the arms embargo against Iraq and troop cuts in Europe — so the Croats have had no problem in securing supplies. It is enough to study a member of the new Croat police: camouflage uniform imported from Germany, reinforced plastic helmets from France, American or Russian automatic weapons and British boots.

All the east European suppliers, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary as well as Germany, have strict export guidelines and turn down customers in "areas of tension", but Yugoslavia, despite its perpetual tensions, is on no one's list. Both the Croatian and the Slovenian leaderships have become very free in issuing private gun licences. These form the bulk of the customers crossing into Austria.

Political sketch

A man who must not say 'porpoise'

I ARRIVED at the Commons to find the minister of agriculture, John Selwyn Gummer, on his feet in a flight of passionate oratory on behalf of porpoises.

This minister should say "dolphins". There may be politicians who can pronounce the word "porpoise" without looking funny, but Mr Gummer is not one of them. There is something horribly risible about the juxtaposition of "Gummer" with "porpoise". His face and mouth form themselves almost automatically into the round "o" of the dominant vowel. His little eyes bulge naturally with that hint of dignified affront conveyed by the very sound. There is a sense in which this minister's whole being, the dignity and majesty that is Gummer, invites a cheeky shout of "porpoise!"

"And no one must be in a... doubt about our commitment to the protection of the whale," added Mr Gummer, for good measure. This was a mistake too, as it got Geoffrey Dickens going. Anything more like a whale you are unlikely to find on land. As always with the MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, it was clearer that his heart was in the right place than that it was engaged to his brain. Dickens was on auto-bellow.

"Whales throughout the world are being slaughtered ... and many species are getting rather low". He paused.

The pause was a mistake. It let in Dennis Skinner's shout of: "Declare your interest!" Mr Dickens wallowed on through waves of laughter, spouting: "What can the minister do to reverse these dreadful trends?" Not much, it seemed, but share parliamentary outrage.

Shared outrage was what another minister, David Maclean, offered Harry Greenway (C, Ealing N). Mr Greenway famously rides British horses and equally famously wants to stop Frenchmen from eating them. "We're in harness on this one," whooped Mr Maclean, to general groans.

The minister went on to agree that there was too much transporting of live animals in Europe and he would do his best to persuade the Europeans to kill them first. "But I cannot dictate to consumers in what form they should eat their food," he added, alarming us with the thought that continentals eat their animals alive.

On question eight, outrage peaked. North of the border (The SNP's Andrew Welsh, from Angus, told us) "the Scottish raspberry industry" is under threat. Scots are being engulfed by "a flood of cheap imports". MPs gasped at this vision of a squelchy red tide rolling in from abroad. Mr Gummer tried in vain to calm the House.

"I'm well aware," he burbled, "of the importance not only of the Scottish raspberry industry, but of the soft fruit market as a whole".

Soft fruit as a whole? *Why?* Do banana wars loom behind the raspberry tide? Will melons roll in from all sides? Shall Campbells and MacGregors unite before a bombardment of peaches?

There is never a dull moment at agriculture questions. Where else would an innocent query from Bob Cryer (Lab, Bradford S) about free surplus food for pensioners, elicit from the minister, David Curry, the reply that he did not see why "my noble friend, the Baroness Trumpington, or your friend Robert Maxwell" needed such handouts. Dividing up the entire beef surplus would amount to "7½ oz per pensioner".

Lady Trumpington, a substantial baroness with a healthy appetite, excites unqualified admiration. I hope it is not impertinent to remark that 7½ oz of beef is unlikely to make a difference to Lady Trumpington.

MATTHEW PARRIS

£10m scheme for enhancing Stonehenge

By JOHN YOUNG

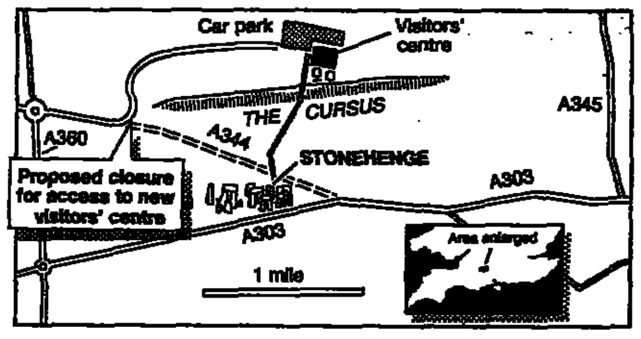
ENGLISH Heritage and the National Trust yesterday published their plan for a £10 million transformation of Stonehenge.

Soon after it was privatised seven years ago, English Heritage said one of its overriding concerns was to free Britain's greatest ancient monument from traffic and the visual intrusion of buildings. The long delay was caused by the defence ministry, which refused to give up land for a new access point until Margaret Thatcher, then prime minister, ordered it to.

The plans now published include closing the A344, which runs immediately past the stones, and creating a new entrance and visitors' centre about five-eighths of a mile to the north at Larkhill, beyond the ancient Cursus causeway. There would also be improved catering facilities and carefully screened parking.

Gerald Allison of Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks, advisers to the scheme, emphasised that it was not simply a plan for a new visitors' centre. It called for the enhancing of the landscape, including the removal of all the modern buildings in the immediate vacinity and the restoration of the site to something like its original appearance.

One remaining problem is the A303 trunk road, which the transport department has said it intends to make a dual carriageway. The department has now been asked to consider putting the road in a cut-and-cover tunnel.



TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Frosty the showman: *That Was The Week That Was* made David Frost a household name on British television almost 30 years ago, and he has rarely been off our screens since. He is almost as famous in America. Yet he has never really been loved by the great British viewing public in the way that Wogan or Parkinson is. In the *Saturday Review*, he contains his restless energy long enough to talk to Andrew Davidson about his career and his critics

Biography lesson: Richard Holmes on the literary inheritance of Boswell's *Life of Samuel Johnson*

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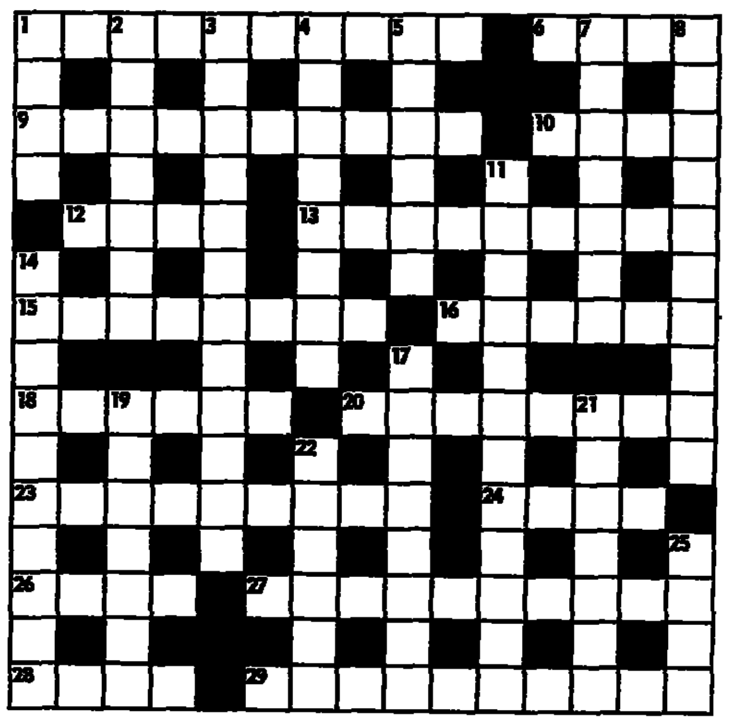
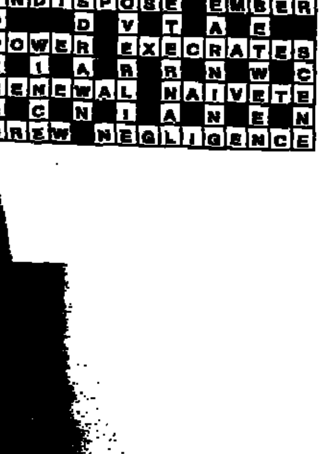


ACROSS
1 Throw out liquid as ordered — empty frequently (10).
6 Staunch branch of the family (4).
9 Member of staff in island's new tavern (10).
10 Summons jester when king enters (4).
12 Row in eight if fit (4).
13 Conjecture's appropriate on one point (9).
15 Lift a short distance (4-4).
16 The shoot spread out (6).
18 On way north, find a city in Italy (6).
20 Pointers direct one to this centre of attraction (4-4).
23 Don't forget about prayer (9).
24 Does enough for a farmworker (4).
26 Reverse vehicle in enclosed area (4).
27 Fowl with herb, followed by beef (4-6).
28 Small sheep pen (4).
29 Game point, a threatening position for an opponent (10).

DOWN
1 Mother Nature's opening blast (4).
2 Paper mug that can be used for a time (7).
3 Worked without difficulty, having employer on our side (4-8).
4 There's nothing morbid in languishing (8).
5 Handle a certain amount of drink (6).
7 Land king, surrounded by retinue (7).
8 High peak to signify with warning device (10).
11 American sprinter fourth — on drug? (7-5).
14 Chaucerian measure's a holy and merry composition (5-5).
17 Healthy around the seaside resort (8).
19 It's becoming curious after code's broken (7).
21 Don't leave too much hair? Certainly not up on top (7).
22 Go and make amends (6).
25 Sort of singer not sounding right for heavy metal? (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,601



Concise crossword, page 21

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DRAGONNADE
a. A female dragon
b. Strong ginger drink
c. Persecution by the military

SCUTIFORM
a. A beginners' class
b. Shipshape and Bristol fashion
c. Shield-shaped

HYPOTYPOSIS
a. Vivid description
b. Categorisation
c. A mesmerised state

DHOLE
a. A wild dog
b. An Indian washerwoman
c. The Afghan shilling

Answers on page 22

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	c	Madrid	14	57	f
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Majorca	14	57	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Algiers	19	66	f	Malta	21	70	f
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	21	70	s	Mexico C*	23	73	s
Bahrain	29	84	s	Miami*	31	88	cl
Barbads*	30	86	f	Milan	10	50	c
Barcelna	8	46	r	Montreal*	12	54	c
Belgrade	18	64	s	Moscow	15	59	s
Berlin	10	50	c	Munich	15	59	f
Bermuda*	23	73	s	Nairobi	22	72	c
Biarritz	12	54	c	Naples	23	73	s
Borde'x	15	59	f	N Delhi	37	99	s
Brussels	14	57	s	N York*	20	68	s
Budapest	18	64	s	Nice	15	59	c
B Aires*	21	70	s	Oslo	15	59	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Paris	16	61	s
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Peking	26	79	c
C'blanca	17	63	c	Perth	19	66	c
Chicago*	15	59	c	Prague	13	55	f
Ch'church	14	57	s	Reykjavik	6	43	r
Cologne	15	59	f	Rhodes	22	72	s
C'phagn	12	54	s	Rio de J	22	72	f
Corfu	18	64	f	Riyadh	38	100	s
Dublin	14	57	f	Rome	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	17	63	s	Salzburg	17	63	s
Faro	19	66	s	S Paulo*	17	63	c
Florence	13	55	r	Seoul	22	72	s
Frankfurt	14	57	c	St'kholm	7	45	f
Funchal	17	63	c	Strasb'rg	18	64	s
Geneva	16	61	s	Sydney	15	59	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Tangier	17	63	f
Helsinki	8	46	s	Tel Aviv	23	73	f
Hong K	23	73	c	Tenerife	20	68	f
Innsbrck	16	61	f	Tokyo	19	66	r
Istanbul	18	64	s	Toronto*	12	54	c
Jeddah	35	95	s	Tunis	21	70	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Valencia	19	66	f
Karachi	32	90	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	r
L Palmas	20	68	c	Venice	15	59	c
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Vienna	15	59	s
Lisbon	16	61	f	Warsaw	13	55	c
Locarno	14	57	c	Wash'ton*	25	77	f
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'nton	15	59	f
Luxembg	15	59	f	Zurich	16	61	s

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	12.9	-	12	54	sunny
Anglesey	15.2	-	13	55	sunny
Aviemore	10.7	-	16	61	sunny
Belfast	12.1	-	15	59	sunny
Birmingham	4.5	-	13	55	cloudy
Blackpool	11.4	-	12	54	sunny
Bournemouth	2.3	-	15	59	bright
Bristol	2.3	.02	14	57	bright
Buxton	6.4	-	11	52	bright
Cardiff	4.5	-	13	55	bright
Clacton	3.3	-	11	52	sunny
Colwyn Bay	10.3	-	10	50	sunny
Douglas	13.0	-	12	54	sunny
Edinburgh	11.2	-	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	7.3	-	13	55	bright
Exmouth	1.0	.07	13	55	cloudy
Glasgow	13.9	-	15	59	sunny
Jersey	5.1	.01	13	55	sunny
Kinloss	15.0	-	15	59	sunny
Leeds	8.8	-	14	57	sunny
Lerwick	4.8	-	11	52	sunny
London	2.0	.04	14	57	cloudy
Manchester	7.3	-	13	55	bright
Minehead	4.0	-	13	55	bright
Morecambe	12.3	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	5.1	.01	11	52	bright
Poole	1.3	.01	14	57	cloudy
Prestwick	13.9	-	13	55	sunny
Scarborough	9.1	-	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	11.0	-	13	55	sunny
Shanklin	0.7	.08	12	54	rain
Southsea	1.9	.01	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	11.5	.01	12	54	sunny
Teignmouth	3.9	.04	13	55	sunny
Tenby	7.2	-	15	59	bright
Tiree	14.9	-	12	54	sunny
Torquay	4.2	.02	13	55	bright
Wick	12.8	-	11	52	sunny

These are Wednesday's figures

MANCHESTER

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Finland Mkk	7.32	6.87
France Fr	10.45	9.81
Germany Dm	3.11	2.91
Greece Dr	334	314
Hong Kong $	13.9	12.9
Ireland Pt	1.158	1.088
Italy Lira	2305	2155
Japan Yen	253.5	235.5
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Norway Kr	12.08	11.38
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South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	191	178
Sweden Kr	11.08	10.38
Switzerland Fr	2.62	2.45
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USA $	1.805	1.68
Yugoslavia Dnr	51	31

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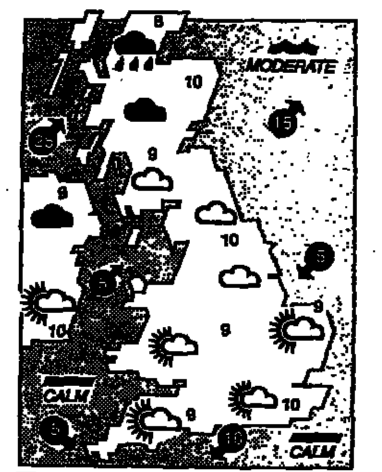

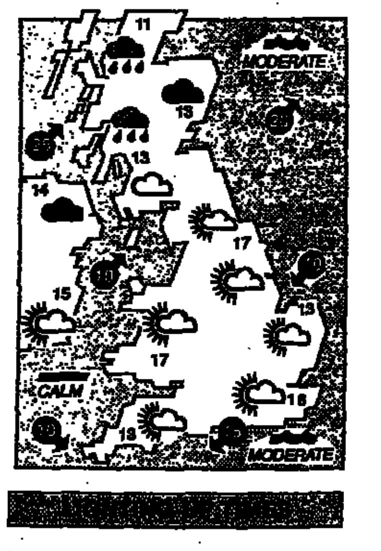

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	r	Guernsey	12	54	s
B'rmgham	13	55	f	Inverness	9	48	c
Blackpool	12	54	s	Jersey	14	57	s
Bristol	14	57	f	London	12	54	f
Cardiff	13	55	f	M'nchstr	14	57	s
Edinburgh	15	59	f	Newcastle	15	59	s
Glasgow	15	59	c	R'ldsway	11	52	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Inverness, Highland, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Butt of Lewis, Western Isles, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Brighton, East Sussex, 0.13 in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, Gwynedd, 15.2 hr.

London 8.38 pm to 5.16 am
Bristol 8.47 pm to 5.26 am
Edinburgh 9.09 pm to 5.09 am
Manchester 8.54 pm to 5.18 am
Penzance 8.54 pm to 5.43 am

Sun rises: 5.18 am
Sun sets: 8.38 pm
Moon rises 3.15 am
Moon sets 4.14 pm
New moon May 14

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.30	6.0	11.45	6.0	Liverpool	8.47	8.0	9.22	8.0
Aberdeen	10.56	3.5	11.48	3.5	Lowestoft	7.31	2.1	7.05	2.1
Avonmouth	4.32	10.8	5.00	11.0	Margate	9.43	4.1	9.51	4.1
Belfast	8.21	3.0	9.06	2.9	Milford Haven	3.43	5.6	4.14	5.7
Cardiff	4.17	10.1	4.46	10.3	Newquay	2.41	5.7	3.11	5.8
Devonport	3.00	4.7	3.46	4.7	Oban	3.44	3.3	4.08	3.2
Dover	8.48	5.5	9.06	5.8	Penzance	2.12	4.7	2.54	4.7
Falmouth	2.30	4.5	3.16	4.5	Portland	3.47	1.5	4.42	1.8
Glasgow	10.26	4.0	11.05	4.0	Portsmouth	8.45	3.8	9.20	4.1
Harwich	9.28	3.4	9.37	3.4	Shoreham	8.48	6.1	9.18	5.5
Holyhead	8.00	4.7	8.38	4.7	Southampton	8.37	3.8	9.12	4.0
Hull	3.54	6.0	4.03	6.3	Swansea	3.40	7.7	4.11	7.9
Ilfracombe	3.26	7.4	3.56	7.5	Tees	1.12	4.5	1.17	4.7
King's Lynn	4.10	5.1	4.18	5.4	W'ton-on-Nze	9.29	3.6	9.40	3.6
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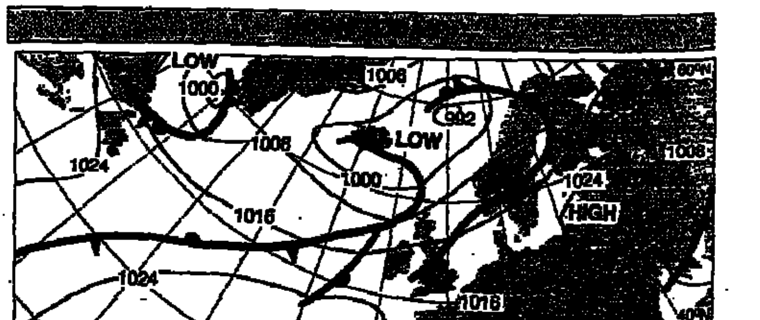

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Business Editor
John Bell

Mirror shares are all taken up

ROBERT Maxwell's £246 million offer for sale of the minority stake in Mirror Group Newspapers had been fully subscribed last night as applications were still being counted, though there appears to have been no huge oversubscription.

Samuel Montagu, which conducted the public offer, said about 100,000 individual applications had already been counted, probably accounting for £100 million of shares.

Demand for the £98 million of shares placed overseas by Salomon Brothers is thought to have been about double the supply.

BBA issue will raise £79m

BBA, the industrial group, is raising £79 million through a one-for-four rights issue.

BBA's shares responded by falling 12p to 127p, 15p above the price at which the new shares will be issued.

John White, the managing director, said the purpose of the rights issue was to restore the damage done to the company's balance sheet by a series of acquisitions made during the last two years with the specific aim of reducing the company's dependence on the ailing automotive industry.

The acquisitions had achieved that, said Dr White, pointing out that the automotive industry contributed just 37 per cent of operating profits in 1990, less than half the level of three years ago.

He said: "We are asking the market to support what we have already done. The acquisitions are done and they were strategically correct. Now we are seeking to refinance the balance sheet."

The rights issue will reduce gearing from 61 per cent to 29 per cent.

BBA said that, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, it intended to pay a total dividend of 7.5p.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7065 (–0.0120)
German mark
2.9717 (–0.0051)
Exchange index
91.5 (–0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1996.2 (+12.1)
FT-SE 100
2541.8 (+18.4)
New York Dow Jones
2955.72 (+24.82)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
26438.50 (+128.71)

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RISES:	
Eurotunnel Units	499p (+16p)
Rank Org	721½p (+13p)
Reuters	801½p (+20p)
Usher Walker	301½p (+12p)
Cable & Wireless	551½p (+10p)
Land Secs	529p (+13p)
RMC Group	687½p (+10p)
Redland	584½p (+15p)
Steetley	375½p (+10p)
South West Water	313½p (+8p)
Rentokil	287p (+10p)
Dunhill	449p (+8p)
British Land	292p (+7p)
Guinness	929½p (+8p)
BAT	707½p (+8p)
Amec	222½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Provident	469½p (–12p)
BBA	127p (–12p)
Jones Stroud	155p (–15p)
GKN	348½p (–8p)

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London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 11⁹⁄₁₆-11½%
3-month eligible bills: 11³⁄₃₂-11¹⁄₃₂%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¹¹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.49-5.47%*
30-year bonds 95⁶⁄₃₂-96⁶⁄₃₂*

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London:	New York:
£: $1.7065	£: $1.7045*
£: DM2.9717	$: DM1.7430*
£: SwFr2.5120	$: SwFr1.4725*
£: FFr10.0436	$: FFr5.8940*
£: Yen237.29	$: Yen139.25*
£: Index91.5	$: Index66.7
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£: ECU1.443422	£: SDR1.283944

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London Fixing:
AM $356.85 pm-$356.85
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RETAIL PRICES

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Brent (Jun) ...... $20.15 bbl ($20.15)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Talks with Scottish Power

British Coal to plan 'cheapest power' venture

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Coal is in talks with Scottish Power over a joint venture that could provide the cheapest bulk electricity in Britain.

Their aim is to fuel the underused 1,152-megawatt Cockenzie power station, on *the Firth of Forth, with cheap* open-cast coal and export the output to England. Profits *from the venture would be* split between them.

Agreement would enable *British Coal to realise its long-*held ambition of moving into power generation and provide a welcome and stable additional source of profit in the runup to the corporation's privatisation.

A deal would also bring the mining group into head-on competition with its biggest customers, National Power and PowerGen.

British Coal and Scottish Power, which owns Cockenzie, would only confirm that talks were under way. Both groups said they were barred by the Financial Services Act from providing further details while the privatisation of Scottish Power is in train.

Sources within British Coal *indicate that the corporation* is anxious not to be seen to be mounting a challenge to its biggest customers, *but* rather to secure a hitherto unpredictable market for its products. *The corporation is* keen to avoid cutbacks in its scottish mining capacity.

A decision to proceed would presumably depend upon planning consents for Scottish Power and Scottish Hydro-Electric to double the capacity of the interconnector serving England to 1,600 megawatts. Applications for permission to upgrade the link have already been made.

The attractions of a joint venture appear strong for both parties. Scottish Power would be able to achieve far better operating efficiencies at Cockenzie. The station, which is 22 years old, is at present used only when production from nuclear plants or Scottish Power's main coal generating station at Longannet, further up the Forth, is reduced.

In addition, Scottish Power would secure access to the cheapest, and least polluting, coal mined in Britain. Like the 2 million tonnes produced annually from British Coal's sole remaining deep mine in Scotland, at Longannet, Scottish opencast coal has a sulphur content of 0.6 per cent or less, equal to the best in the world.

Yet this year Scottish Power has contracted to buy just 3.3 million tonnes of fuel from British Coal. The *mining* group's Scottish capacity, including opencast production, is *about 5.5 million* tonnes. Increased use of Cockenzie would give the corporation a valuable additional market.

The cost of opencast coal *would be well below the price* British Coal currently charges generating companies for deep-mined supplies, and would almost certainly compare favourably with cut-priced imports. On that basis, power from Cockenzie could prove even cheaper than electricity from the modern, highly efficient gas-fired power stations that are now under construction.

Moreover, there would be little need to fit Cockenzie with hugely expensive sulphur removing equipment.

Yesterday, Malcolm Edwards, British Coal's commercial director, launched a forceful attack on a Scottish Office decision that will compel Scottish Power to spend £350 to £400 million by the end of this decade fitting flue gas de-sulphurisation equipment to the Longannet power station.

Labelling the decision "illogical", Mr Edwards said the money would be better spent at plants in England and Wales, which burn medium sulphur coal and therefore have far higher sulphur emissions.

Frank Dobson, Labour's energy spokesman, said Longannet's *emissions*, though a cause for concern, were relatively low. "Pound for pound *fitting FGD equipment* there would produce less than half the benefit it would achieve at *a similar* power *station in* Yorkshire or Nottinghamshire. It is absolutely silly," he said.

The Scottish Office said it was committed to achieving a *60* per cent cut in *1980 levels* of sulphur emissions in Scotland, on a par with the goal for England and Wales, despite the far more modest scale of the problem.

Regular guys: Ian Byatt takes a lead; Sir Christopher Tugendhat, of the CAA, Sir Gordon Borrie, Sir Bryan Carsberg, Stephen Littlechild and David Glencross follow

Fair trading chief foresees shake-up

Watchdogs want rivalry

By Philip Bassett, *Industrial Editor*

BRITAIN'S system of regulation may have to be rationalised in the future, Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, said yesterday.

Sir Gordon's statement on the future of the regulation of privatised utilities and other concerns came at a conference organised in London by the Institite of Economic Affairs – the first time Britain's leading regulators have come together in public.

Sir Gordon told the conference that the sheer pace of regulatory reform in the UK over the last 12 years "has left us with something of a patchwork of agencies and regulatory instruments".

He suggested that some regulators might work themselves out of a job by enabling competition to thrive so that special regulation was no longer required, "only the more general watchfulness and general competition powers of the OFT".

Ian Byatt, director general of the Office of Water Services, said privatisation of the water industry had failed to open it up to competition. Ofwat is planning extensive surveys of consumer preferences and expectations, the results of which Mr Byatt said would have both regulatory and political implications.

But Mr Byatt said that privatisation had lead to "a much more explicit regulatory regime" and to a more medium-term approach to the industry's prospectus.

James McKinnon, director general of the Office of Gas Supply, thought it was "a matter of months" before industrial users of gas would recognise that an "embryo" market for gas now exists.

Forecasting the disappearance of regulation in the gas industry, he said: "The market will grow, and as more customers obtain benefits from its existence the need for price schedules will diminish to the point at which they can be removed. Competition will replace regulation."

Sir Bryan Carsberg, director general of the Office of Telecommunications, suggested that the broad principles of the recent review of the telecom duopoly carried out by him and Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, were likely to be carried through now that the period of consultation was complete.

Oftel has a statutory duty to put out to public consultation changes to the licences it administers.

Sir Bryan said BT needed more open competition.

Stephen Littlechild, director general of the Office of Electricity Regulation, said that so far in his experience of regulation, he had yet to find any conflict between the principal objectives of guarding consumers' interests and improving the efficient running of the suppliers.

David Glencross, chief executive of the Independent Television Commission, cautioned against the government trying to put too much information on TV screens.

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Single market hurdles anger ISE

By Wolfgang Münchau

ANDREW Hugh Smith, the chairman of the International Stock Exchange, has launched a sharp attack against European foot-dragging on the creation of a single market for investment services.

At a symposium organised by Gresham College in London yesterday, he said: "It should not be the function of a European directive to dictate particular market models, to protect individual national markets or seek to impose forms of protection on market users regardless of their needs.

"Yet this is what is currently proposed by the French in negotiations on the investment services directive."

The European investment services directive, which sets out to establish a single European market for investments, is under consideration by European finance ministers, but seems in danger of being watered down.

Britain is in favour of introducing the so-called single passport for securities dealings under which securities firms and institutional investors registered in any EC country can freely trade anywhere in the Community.

"We must not be led down *the path of protecting national* markets by political or technical pressures. This would be *folly," Mr Hugh Smith said.*

European finance ministers are expected to reach a de*cision next month. A working* party has tabled a compromise, under which nat*ional markets would retain* their monopoly on domestic trading to a significant extent. Under the proposal, domestic institutional investors would be allowed to engage freely in off-market trading but dealing on a foreign bourse would still require national approval. Britain, the Netherlands and Germany are sceptical of the plan.

Speaking earlier at the symposium, James Curry, *chef de cabinet* of Sir Leon Brittan, the vice-president of the European Commission, who is responsible for the directive, said he was confident that Europe would have a single market in banking and securities by early 1993.

The commission backs the compromise under consideration because it would allow revision later, while a failure to agree would be more difficult to reverse.

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Sears warns on payout

By Michael Tate, City Editor

SEARS, the Selfridges, Dolcis shoe shops and Freemans mail order group, has placed a "health warning" over its dividend after reporting a sharp fall in profits for the year ended last January, and predicting little likelihood of much improvement in the current year.

"Future levels of dividend must depend on the future performance of our businesses," said Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman, in a *statement* with the figures.

"We are not too worried about dividend cover, and we *believe* our shareholders deserve a good return," he explained later, "but we are *saying* that we are not prepared to give an underwritten guarantee." Meanwhile the board is holding the final dividend for 1990-1 at 3.83p, leaving the total unchanged at 5.355p.

Pre-tax profits for the year are reported at £146.9 million, against £231.4 million, but the figures include a number of exceptional items.

The figures also include a £15.2 million extraordinary provision relating to the decision to pull out of housebuilding with effect from last August. This reduced the interest charge in the second half by £5.8 million.

Interest for the year was £19.2 million. Net borrowings at the year end were £199 million, indicating gearing of *15.3* per cent.

Further sales from the group's investment properties produced a profit of £31.7 million, and the group realised £21 million from the sale of around 200 shoe shops, a figure largely offset by rationalisation costs of £19.5 million within the division.

Mr Maitland Smith said an escalation in costs at a time when sales growth was modest had squeezed margins. There had been no improvement in consumer spending in the first quarter, he added, and it was prudent to take a cautious view of the current year.

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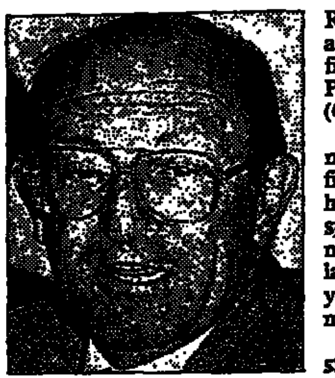
BP narrowly avoids a loss



Simon: figures satisfy

ROBERT Horton managed by a whisker to avoid being the first chairman of British Petroleum to announce a loss. (Graham Searjeant writes).

The group reported £10 million after-tax profits for the first quarter this year on historic cost accounting, in spite of stock losses of £511 million as the oil price rises of last autumn were reversed. A year ago, BP reported a £344 million profit.

Refining margins were strong and the net charge for corporate activity was lower than expected. The City was more impressed by the replacement cost accounts, which showed profits up to £521 million (£361 million). Excluding asset sales last year, profits doubled.

David Simon, BP's deputy chairman and chief operating officer, said replacement cost profits were very satisfactory in the face of adverse exchange rate movements. The first quarter dividend is 4.2p (3.95p).

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Industry repeats a tale of woe

By Our City Staff

BRITISH industry deferred hopes of recovery yesterday with a series of gloomy statements to shareholders and analysts hoping for news that the recession has reached a low point.

GKN, exposed to the struggling car and defence industries, told its shareholders: "At present there is no hard evidence *of improvement*, and profits for the first half of 1991 will therefore be well below those of the second half of last year." GKN made £71.5 million in the second half of 1990, and £172 million in the year to end December against £214.8 million in 1989.

Smith New Court, the broker, pre-empted David Lees, the GKN chairman, by downgrading its full-year profits forecast from £120 million to £100 *million before the meeting.* The shares fell 8p to 349p. Mr Lees said demand in some of the company's businesses had weakened further since *his* warning in early March of the overall weaker business conditions.

"Since then there have been few signs of improvement in any of the various markets we serve, both in the UK and internationally, and in some of our businesses demand has weakened further." He *added* GKN continued to respond to the recession through cash generation and cost cuts and had lost 1,000 jobs in the *first four months* of the year.

BTR, the engineering conglomerate, also disappointed shareholders. At the time of the *1990 results it had hinted* at a large takeover bid in the not too far distant future, which some analysts thought might be for GKN.

It was riding high early yesterday with its shares up 8p to 414p on hopes of an announcement of disposals to finance a bid. But a warning from Sir Owen Green, the BTR chairman, that the first four months of this year were not as good as last year left the shares 5p down at 401p by the end of the day. In answer to a shareholder's question, Sir Owen said that companies sometimes had to consider "*other means*" *of achieving growth* than relying strictly on trading activities.

He said that last year's unsatisfactory second half had persisted and that "cost containment programmes to counter the reduced demands of debilitated economies continue to be pursued. At this time there are no signs of change in those economies."

T & N, the car components group, continued the gloomy trend. It declared 2,500 workers redundant last week and asked shareholders for £119 million. It told them yesterday it would benefit once demand improves. *But Colin Hope,* the chairman, said there was no evidence of an improvement in demand yet. T & N shares rose 3p to 159p.

TI Group, the industrial holding company, said it continued to view 1991 "with some caution" but that order books were at the same level as a year ago. Its shares were unchanged at 503p.

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Chairman takes over Kelt assets

By Martin Barrow

THE chairman of Kelt Energy, the heavily borrowed independent oil company, has raised $170 million through the sale of his private international drilling business to Schlumberger, the engineering combine.

But the Frenchman Hubert Perrodo, who owns 75 per cent of Kelt, has no firm plans to inject fresh capital into his cash-starved quoted company, which missed a $121 million repayment to a banking syndicate last month.

M Perrodo, who lent $20 million to Kelt in 1989 after the company's successful bid for Carless, said he would consider putting up new capital for Kelt only if banks, led by American Express, agreed to restructure the company's debts of £208 million, possibly taking equity in lieu of cash.

Kelt has taken a small step towards securing a favourable restructuring package by transferring its international assets, excluding those in America, to another private company controlled by M Perrodo.

Following an agreement with bankers, non-producing assets in France, The Netherlands, Gabon and Nigeria are being transferred to Orkdale NV, incorporated in the Netherlands Antilles. In return, Orkdale will forgo repayments due on loans of $1.1 million extended to Kelt and assume responsibility for development costs of $4.5 million due this year. The transfer leaves Kelt with assets in America and Britain, both offshore and onshore, including a 7.5 per cent interest in Wytch Farm, Dorset, the largest producing oilfield onshore in western Europe.

Attempts by Kelt to dispose of its interest in Wytch Farm, its main asset, failed last year when bids did not match the company's expectations. Several companies are still interested but Kelt believes that it makes better financial sense to retain the asset for cashflow benefits than to accept what it considers a derisory offer. M Perrodo yesterday confirmed that a disposal was no longer an option.

The removal of assets with no short-term prospect of making a positive contribution to Kelt suggests that the company and its bankers are still talking, despite the sudden resignation of Jock Green-Armytage as chief executive in March. Mr Green-Armytage, a respected City financier, complained that banks had reneged on promises to restructure Kelt's debts.

In the six months to last September, the most recent period for which accounts are available, Kelt paid £14.22 million in interest on borrowings. The company made a pre-tax profit of £6.9 million after an unrealised exchange gain of £12.31 million.

Racing ahead: Frank van Wezel, the chairman of Hi-Tec Sports, reported yesterday that his company had once again bucked the depressed high street trend, with pre-tax profits up 28 per cent to £8.23 million for the year to February 3. Turnover jumped 43 per cent to £119.8 million, compared with £83.7 million in the previous year. The company holds a 25 per cent share of Britain's sports shoe market and supplies more than six million pairs of shoes a year worldwide

End urged for 'champions'

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

NATIONAL industrial champions are, as an idea, against both consumers' and the national interest, Sir Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, said yesterday.

In what is likely to be one of his final speeches before leaving the CAA in three weeks to take over as chairman of Abbey National, Sir Christopher told an Institute of Economic Affairs conference in London that CAA policy was to promote the operation of a number of airlines.

He said: "We mean one policy in which Britain does not have to rely on British Airways as a national champion."

Having British airlines compete against each other as well as against foreign carriers meant that air travellers to and from Britain had a wider choice of carrier than was the case in any other European country. Fares for flights originating in Britain were in general lower than those in other European countries.

He insisted that the recent collapse of Air Europe, following those of B-Cal some years ago and Laker before that, did not invalidate the CAA's multi-airline concept.

Seelig bid to avoid trial fails

ROGER Seelig, the accountant, has failed in a High Court bid to avoid trial in connection with the Guinness affair.

He sought judicial review of two pre-trial rulings last year by Mr Justice Henry, including the decision not to stay the proceedings. But two High Court judges yesterday could find "no flaw" in the rulings.

Lord Justice Russell, sitting with Mr Justice Hodgson, rejected the plea for a judicial review. He said Mr Justice Henry held there had been no prima facie case of misconduct by the inspectors called in to investigate the Guinness bid. The judge had also exercised his discretion in holding that Mr Seelig could still receive a fair trial, despite delays and publicity.

Mr Seelig, 49, faces conspiracy and false accounting charges arising out of the involvement of Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, in the 1986 bid by Guinness for Distillers.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Receivers called in at property developer

ADMINISTRATIVE receivers have been called in at Warringtons, the Northwest property developer, ten days after its shares were suspended. Nigel Hamilton and Scott Martin of Ernst & Young have been appointed receivers to the company, which is best known for its business park development in Chester.

Warringtons' shares were suspended at 17½p, two months after it announced it was in refinancing talks. Alfred McAlpine, the construction company, owns a 37 per cent stake in Warringtons, but made provision, estimated at about £20 million, for the investment in its accounts last year.

MMT suffers 38% fall

MMT Computing, the USM computer systems consultant, suffered a 38 per cent decline in pre-tax profits from £1.01 million to £626,000 in the six months to February, as turnover fell from £3.74 million to £3.1 million. Earnings per share slip from 5.7p to 3.4p, and the interim dividend is maintained at 1p.

Midland and Scottish profit

MIDLAND and Scottish Resources, the oil production and services company, made an exceptional profit of £9.67 million from the sale of two rigs which enabled it to report its first pre-tax profit since 1983, earning £7.84 million in 1990 (£2.52 million loss) Eps were 5p, against losses of 3p. There is again no dividend.

Smith & Nephew dips

Smith & Nephew, the healthcare and consumer products group, said its first-quarter trading performance was on target and, despite world economic weakness, it performed well. Pre-tax profits were down 8 per cent at £27.2 million in the 12 weeks to March 23. The shares rose 1p to 127½p.

The company, which owns Elastoplast, Nivea, Lillets and Dr White's, said first-quarter underlying sales growth was 10 per cent, excluding adverse exchange rates and a business disposal. Smith & Nephew said sales to hospitals in Britain were constrained by a shortage of cash in the National Health Service. The net cost of borrowings included a £1.2 million charge for supplementary interest on a convertible bond.

Mannesmann buys Tricom

MANNESMANN, of Germany, has bought Tricom Supplies, the plumbing merchant, from Walter Lawrence, the builder, for £6.75 million. Walter Lawrence said Tricom sales in 1990 were £56 million and pre-tax profits £3.9 million. The move was part of management strategy to concentrate on housebuilding.

Yorkshire TV takes stake

YORKSHIRE Television, the ITV company facing two challengers in the Channel 3 licence auction, yesterday acquired a 15 per cent stake in Chameleon Television, the Leeds independent producer. Yorkshire has agreed to commission 20 hours of output a year from Chameleon, which made the *Yorkshire Glory* documentary.

API dives into the red

API Group, the packaging and air conditioning maker, formerly Associated Paper Industries, whose managing director resigned in March after a disagreement over strategy, has dived into the red at halfway. The company suffered a pre-tax loss of £849,000 in the six months to end March, against profits of £817,000, which have been restated to exclude discontinued operations. Turnover fell from £31.8 million to £29.5 million. There was a trading loss of £89,000, against a profit of £1.44 million.

API said profitability is expected to be improved in a full year by at least £1.2 million. There is a 2.7p loss per share (2.5p earnings). The interim dividend is held at 2.75p.

Emap pays £10.7m for Radio City

By Philip Pangalos

Emap, the magazine and newspaper publisher, hopes to take a more active role in radio broadcasting after making a £10.7 million recommended offer for Radio City (Sound of Merseyside), the Liverpool radio station.

Emap, whose titles include *Smash Hits* and *Just Seventeen*, already has a foothold in the radio sector, with interests including a 28 per cent stake in London's Kiss FM, a 16 per cent stake in Trans World Communications, which runs Piccadilly Radio in Manchester, and holdings in three East Anglia stations.

Emap is offering 460p cash for Radio City voting shares and 385p for non-voting A shares. There is an alternative paper offer involving 206 new Emap shares for 100 Radio City voting shares and 345 new Emap shares for 200 Radio City A shares, worth 476p and 398.5p.

Directors and other shareholders accounting for 60.5 per cent of voting shares and 15 per cent of non-voting shares have agreed to the offer. Radio City shares, which are quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, reacted with a 92p jump to 377p, while Emap eased 2p to 229p.

Robin Miller, Emap's chief executive, said his company had been building a portfolio of radio investments. "Radio City will form the cornerstone of our strategy to expand further into radio as it expands and grows."

The cash part of the offer would be funded from the group's existing resources. The paper offer, if fully accepted, would mean the issue of 4.62 million Emap shares, accounting for 3.3 per cent of the enlarged capital.

Radio City's pre-tax profits fell to £882,000 (£1.34 million) in the year to end September 1990, on turnover of £4.15 million (£4.33 million). Emap made pre-tax profits of £38 million in the year to end March 1990, on turnover of £264.3 million.

Kunick seeks £17.6m

By Matthew Bond

KUNICK, the amusement machine and nursing home group, said it is raising £17.6 million through a two-for-nine rights issue as it announced interim pre-tax profits to end March falling 9 per cent to £7.3 million. Net interest payable rose to £1.6 million (£176,000).

The company is raising money through a rights issue, rather than depend on increased activity in the housing market, to reduce borrowings. Russell Smith, the chairman, said that it would be inappropriate to rely on the performance of the housing sector to achieve the reduced levels of gearing necessary to take advantage of available opportunities for continued growth.

After the rights issue, gearing drops from 70 per cent to 36 per cent. New shares are priced at 33p. Kunick's existing shares fell 1¼p to 41¼p. Having announced an interim dividend of 0.8p (0.6p), Kunick expects to recommend a final dividend of 1.2p.

Banks say City hurt by swaps

By Jonathan Prynn

THE British Bankers Association (BBA) has given warning of the massive damage done to the reputation of the City of London, and the Bank of England as a regulator, by the government's decision not to intervene in the local authority swaps affair.

About 80 banks stand to lose up to £550 million as a result of a House of Lords judgment that swap contracts entered into by local authorities were illegal. The banks could recover up to £125 million by pursuing restitution through the courts and 71 writs have already been issued by 12 banks.

Lars Evander, the BBA representative of foreign banks operating in the UK, said that the Bank of England could face difficulty in effectively regulating British financial markets in future. Mr Evander said that some foreign banks no longer considered the City "a fit and proper place" to carry out financial services business.

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Slow march to a single market

COMMENT

After years of wrangling, European finance ministers are finally expected to take a decision next month on harmonising markets for securities and financial services. Hopes of serious progress are not great.

Yesterday, Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of London's International Stock Exchange, criticised Europe's failure to make decisive progress on the financial services directive, which has already been watered down beyond recognition.

The most important aspect of the directive is the so-called single passport for securities dealings, which would allow investors to trade anywhere they choose. This is now not likely to happen soon.

Mr Hugh Smith complains rightly that Europe is moving too slowly towards harmonisation. Naturally, he speaks from a point of view of vested interest, since London's financial markets would be the *ultimate* beneficiaries of the single passport.

He is also right to point out that liberalisation and harmonisation of rules are not a zero-sum game, where London's gains will equal the losses of Milan, Madrid and others. Worse, perhaps, failure to achieve a meaningful single market is in fact a negative-sum game, where foreign investors simply choose to ignore Europe's fragmented markets.

One problem is that many continental politicans treat national or even regional stock exchanges as sacred cows. While the stock exchanges of Bremen and Düsseldorf are indeed quaint, they are of little relevance in this day of 24-hour trading. But too much debate has also been wasted on the question of whether London's position can be challenged by Paris or Frankfurt. They are essentially national markets, unlike London, whose share in cross-border transactions within the Community is already 90 per cent. If cross-border transactions were the rule, rather than the exception, a challange by Frankfurt or Paris would look even less likely.

The real issue is whether Europe, led by London or whichever other financial centre, will be a meaningful competitor on a world stage, or whether this industry will follow others, such as consumer electronics, computers and cars, out of Europe and into Southeast Asia.

BP escapes

Hunt the profit was the sceptic's game yesterday as BP managed to avoid showing a widely anticipated first-quarterly historic-cost loss, *despite* losing heavily on *its 17* million tonnes of stocks when the rise in oil prices triggered by the Gulf crisis was reversed. As David Simon, BP's chief operating officer, quickly pointed out, however, "Unless you are an accountant, it is hard to discern major trends from historic-cost figures."

The short-term replacement-cost accounts may not be much more useful. A fall in oil prices tends to flatter margins in chemicals, where operating profits jumped from £7 million in the last quarter of 1990 to £54 million, and in refining and marketing, where profits multiplied from £115 million to £385 million. Oil production profits were down on the last quarter of 1990 but up on the 1990 first quarter thanks to higher Alaskan output.

As the oil price has stabilised, refining margins have started to slip back. Even so, some analysts are upgrading their profit estimates for the year. Nicholas Clayton of Smith New Court now expects historic-cost profits of about £1 billion, against £1.68 billion last time, and replacement-cost profits marginally higher at £1.23 billion. As he points out, however, good refining profits matter more to Shell than to BP.

Longer term, BP still aims to cut the 60 per cent gearing built up as a result of the botched government share sale of 1987. Perhaps it should not try too hard since this might undermine any new attempt resolve the problem of unrelieved advance corporation tax on dividends.

Wrong place

Few people would contest the desirability of reducing *the output of sulphur* dioxide from Britain's power stations.

Yet the government's decision to oblige Scottish Power to spend up to £400 million cleaning the emissions of Longannet power station, whilst far dirtier power stations in England continue to pollute, is bizarre. The thrust of the government's strategy for the power industry has been to improve efficiency and, simultaneously, to make it bear the environmental cost of its activity.

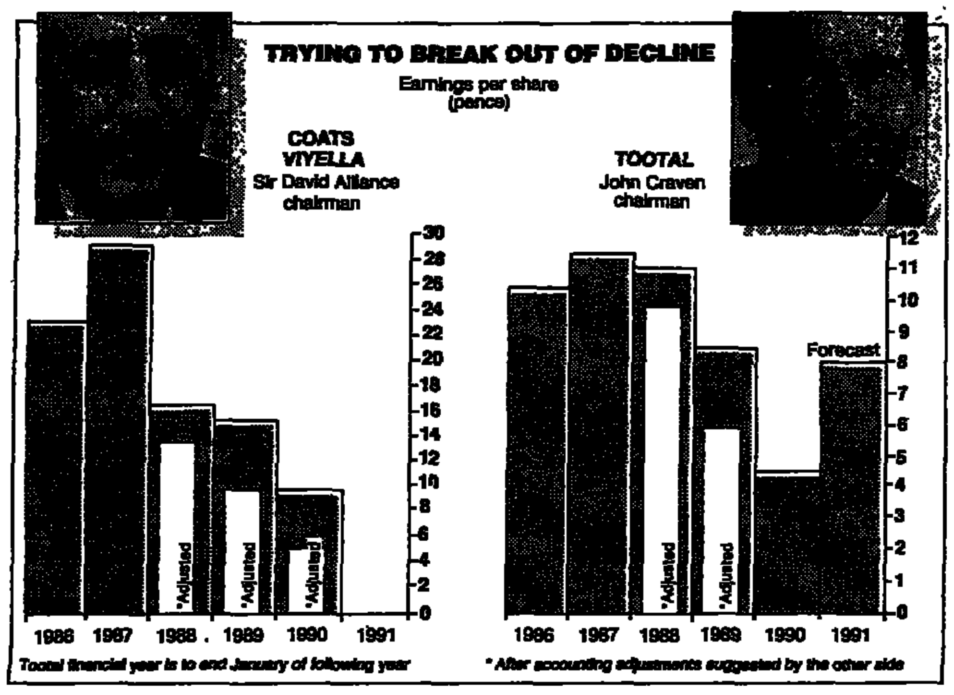
Yet the benefit, to the environment, of a pound spent reducing emissions in Scotland is only half that of a similar sum spent at a similar plant in England. If logic is to prevail, as it should, then the government must think again about the obligations it has imposed upon National Power and PowerGen.

As things stand, they have only to fit desulphurisation equipment to three power stations, and subsitute cleaner gas plants in order to meet the nationwide target of a 60 per cent reduction.

Rather than impose £400 *million of costs on Scottish* investors and consumers, the government might be better advised to spend the money where it will do most good.

Tootal attacks before Coats has UK textiles all sewn up

Two years ago Coats Viyella and Tootal were about to merge. Now they are locked in a bitter takeover battle



Tootal financial year is to end January of following year

** After accounting adjustments suggested by the other side*

IS SIR David Alliance the saviour or the scourge of Britain's textile industry? This *is the question the board of* Tootal, fighting a £252 million bid from Sir David's Coats Viyella, has asked its shareholders to address before committing their shares next week.

Tootal's attack on Coats' record this week, which placed a substantial chunk of the blame for the decline of the British textile industry on the shoulders of Sir David and his team, *may have owed* something to an anxiety that the betting on the outcome of the bid has swung back towards its protagonists, but it raises an issue that troubles even some Coats supporters.

Followers of Sir David's rampage through Britain's mill towns during the Seventies and Eighties, weaving a string of ailing businesses into his growing patchwork of *textile companies, have* formed the opinion that his undisputed deal-making skills are not quite matched by his capabilities when it comes to running the business.

The trading record of Coats since the last big merger that brought together Sir David's Vantona Viyella and Coats Patons in 1986, shows earnings per share down from 29p to 9.6p, and the latest *document from Tootal points out* that between the Coats Patons and Tootal bids, Coats' market value has sunk by £600 million.

But textile manufacturers seem to live in glass houses these days and Tootal's trading performance is measured by earnings per *share that* have slithered from 10.3p in the year to January 1987, to 4.2p last time. Both Coats and Tootal have delivered their stones wrapped in their estimates of the other's profitability, which are, not unexpectedly, lower than the figures stated, as the chart shows.

The questioning of account*ing treatments has* been a feature of the bid campaign, which perhaps should not have come as too much of a surprise, given that both companies operate in upwards of 40 countries, many Third World hyper-inflationary economies. Nothing, other than marginal, political point-scoring appears to have been achieved by it, although the experience of Polly Peck International has taught shareholders to look carefully at profits earned in unstable currencies.

Like the morsels tossed to the Office of Fair Trading in a vain attempt to reopen the monopolies question, this is little more than a smokescreen and delaying tactic engineered by a Tootal board for whom *every day counted* as its rationalisation measures began to bite and the dollar reasserted itself on the foreign exchanges. Neither Tootal nor Coats make any secret of their heavy dependence on the exchange rate. It was the strength of the pound in the late Eighties that undermined the recovery of the industry *that* Sir *David had* worked hard for — and which, it should also be remembered, thousands of others had lost their jobs for.

Sterling's earlier weakness against the dollar enabled an industry that for many years had been caught between the more efficient producers of Germany and *Italy* and *the* low-cost suppliers in the Far East, at least to be able to compete more effectively against the dollar-accounting Asian businesses.

Tootal's earlier commitment to the deal has not been easy to disavow

For all the £3 billion or so *pumped* into new equipment by British textile companies during the Eighties, much by Coats Viyella, the industry remains uncompetitive against continental rivals.

Many observers then, believe a merger between the world's two largest sewing thread companies is the most hopeful survival plan for the industry. Two years ago both Coats and Tootal thought so, and may well have been operating as a single entity by now had not a three-month Monopolies Commission en*quiry in the summer of 1989* given both sides time to rework their calculations in what were deteriorating trading conditions, and ultimately find reasons for falling out.

Although the departure of Geoffrey Maddrell and Alan Webb early this year elevated fresh faces to the key boardroom positions at Tootal, the company's earlier commitment to the industrial logic of the deal has not been easy to disavow. Neutrals believe that Tootal's belated rationalisation programme has done little to alter the case based on the benefits of knitting Tootal's sourcing strengths in the Far East with Coats' clear advantage in Europe and South America.

Now that the offer terms have been adjusted, to raise the price and introduce a paper alternative, Sir David looks increasingly like being given the chance to sew another lining inside this fading sector, in an attempt to produce a more durable, better-wearing British textile industry.

MICHAEL TATE
City Editor

Sears' seers hint at fears

TEMPUS

WHAT *should* Sears shareholders make of the dividend health warning contained in the preliminary results for the year ended January? On the one hand, chairman Geoffrey Maitland Smith says the board is "not too worried about dividend cover," while on the other, analysts are told there could be "no underlying guarantee" that the dividend would be maintained.

If all the exceptionals were stripped out of the latest results, they would not only look very different but the 1990-1 dividend total, maintained at 5.355p, would not have been fully funded by earnings; and on present evidence, neither will the next one.

A *'clean' pre-tax profit of* £86.1 million, comparing with a like-for-like £169.2 million last time, would have produced eps of barely 4p, given the exclusion of roll-over tax relief related to the property interests.

Sears' year was every bit as bleak as expected. Menswear sank into loss, from which, under its new management, it is not destined to return until 1992, and footwear, shorn of 20 per cent of space and 2,000 staff, is still held back by the underperforming Freeman Hardy & Willis chain, not to speak of the desperate high street conditions.

Sears attempts to take encouragement from the progress made by the womenswear, sportswear and mail order operations but, in the final analysis, a 5 per cent increase in turnover, at £2.16 billion, was swamped by a 10 per cent surge in costs.

With no sign of market *revival, the group will rely on* further disposals from its £150 million investment property bank to sustain a positive cash flow this year, and restrain gearing, which remains at 15.3 per cent. In the expected absence of rationalisation costs this time, the pre-tax figure may improve to over £110 million, to realise 'clean' earnings of just over 5p, assuming a 33 per cent tax charge. That suggests a multiple of around 18 at the current 90p, a rating the immediate prospects just do not justify.

BBA

DR John White could have picked a better day to unveil a £79 million cash call. With a number of Britain's leading industrial companies choosing yesterday to tell shareholders that recovery was still some way off, it would have been difficult for Dr White to argue otherwise.

Prudently, he did not attempt to. The justification for this issue, he says, lies in BBA's past, not its future. The one-for-four issue at 112p is designed to repair the damage done to BBA's balance sheet over the past last years by a stream of small acquisitions.

A 12p drop in the share price to 127p, below the theoretical ex-rights price, suggests the market was less than won over

BBA's acquisitions have succeeded in reducing its dependence on the automotive industry, from 80 per cent in 1987 to just 36 per cent last year. *But the impact of* recession must be widening. So far this year a further 500 staff have been laid off, in addition to the 1,300 laid off last year, and there are doubts about Dr White's apparent confidence in how most non-automotive businesses are weathering the storm.

The rights issue reduces balance sheet gearing from 61 per cent to 29 per cent, well *within* the 40 *per cent* level at which the company says it is comfortable. At 127p, and assuming current year profits of around £60 million, the shares are on a price-earnings multiple of about 11, with the downside apparently limited by a gross yield approaching 9 per cent.

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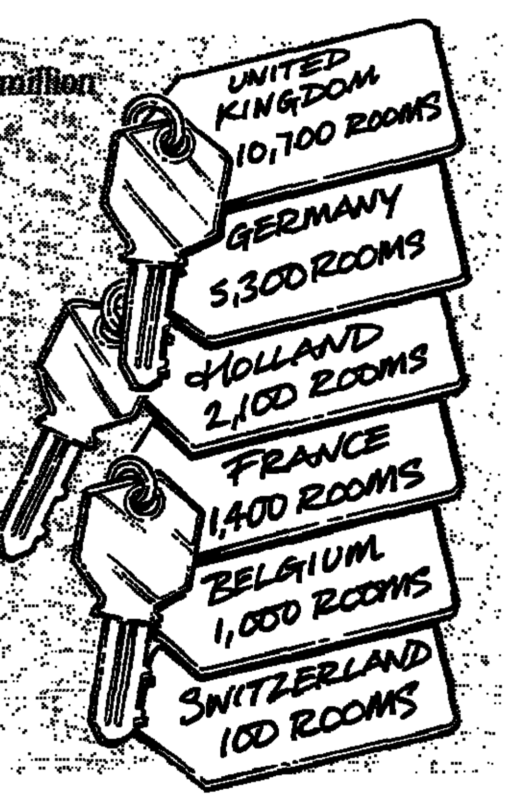

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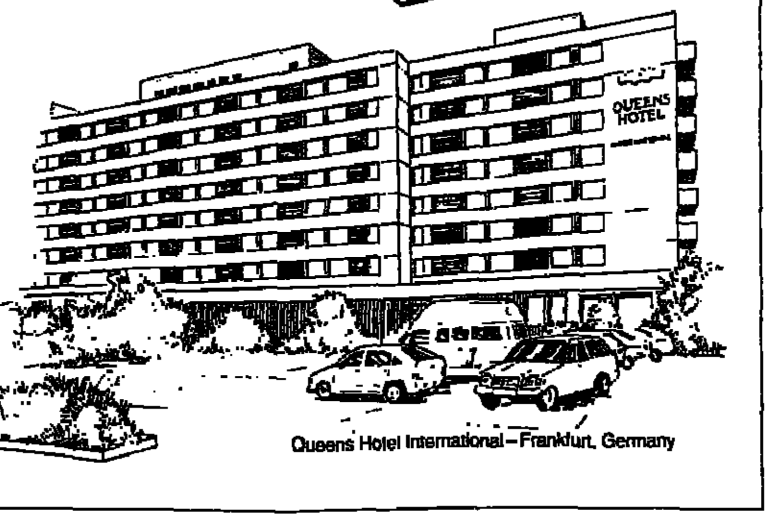

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Truth suits Sir Owen

ALAN Jackson, chief executive of BTR, the industrial conglomerate, since January, appeared to be holding his breath at the group's annual meeting in Westminster yesterday. For on his left was Sir *Owen Green,* the chairman, who had suffered an unfortunate experience earlier that day. Asked by a shareholder whether he considered himself "miserly", Sir Owen recounted a story about his suit. Discovering a stain on the material, he had sprayed on some fluid from a canister and left it to soak in for 15 minutes. He later discovered he had sprayed on fly-killer by mistake. "I didn't go out and order another," he says. "As a company we are economical, but not with the truth."

Princely sum

THE latest developments at Kelt Energy have done little to dent the lifestyle of Hubert Perrodo, the chairman and major shareholder. Three weeks ago, he sold his private oil-drilling interests in France for a tidy $170 million. The buyer was Schlumberger, the conglomerate that gave him *his first job as a driller.* "I sold it to my former chairman," says Perrodo, aged 47, who commutes between Paris and London and plays polo with the Prince of Wales.

SIGN in a Relate office in Glasgow: "Love may still be blind but marriage is the perfect eye-opener."

Cuts continue

SLOWLY but surely, job cuts continue. The ten market*makers quietly* let go by Swiss Bank Corporation on Friday included John Westbrook, "the Prof" to his friends in the Square Mile. The firm has decided to make markets only in Swiss, German and some British stocks. Meanwhile, Citicorp has cut ten research and sales staff in Hong Kong, but has no plans to close the operation. The bank shut its British private client stockbroking arm in November.

Family politics

KEITH Ashworth-Lord, head of research at Henry Cooke Lumsden, was only too pleased to be back at his desk this week. For he has just returned from a hectic week campaigning on behalf of Rita Sarginson, his mother-in-law, in the local elections. "I knew *that if I didn't* get her back in I wouldn't get her off my doorstep for the next four years," says Ashworth-Lord, who stepped down from Rochdale council last year. "For a while we had two brother-and-sister teams, two husband-and-wife teams, and a mother and son-in-law, all on the same council."

Cusack quits

MARK Cusack, high-flying director of corporate finance at Hoare Govett, has resigned after eight years with the firm. Cusack, aged 33, joined the firm from Arthur Andersen, the accountant, and was top-rated conglomerates analyst for two years before being made head of research. He switched to corporate finance last year. "It was all very amicable," says Cusack, who is sounding out contacts in the City and in industry before making his next move. He will be remembered at Hoare Govett for his stylish white convertible Porsche and his love of Hugo Boss suits.

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WORLD MARKETS

Dow up 28 points in early trading

New York

SHARES made solid gains in trading in the late morning with blue chips at their highest so far in the day. The Dow Jones industrial average was 28.63 higher at 2,959.53 at 11.30am.

The technology sector took the lead and traders said that the anticipation of a strong demand for the day's 30-year bond auction was high, lifting sentiment across the board.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed mixed after profit-taking emerged to pare early gains in quiet and cautious trading, brokers said. The Straits Times industrial index closed 2.59 higher at 1,525.74.

☐ **Tokyo** — Prices finished the day moderately higher. The Nikkei index was up 128.71 points, or 0.49 per cent, to 26,438.50. The day lacked broad themes and trading centred instead on individual companies, especially those with good results, and index trading. Brokers said these helped to buoy the market.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The market, narrowly higher in early dealings, ended marginally softer as prices drifted with little conviction or direction. The Hang Seng index slid 3.34 to 3,744.46. The broader Hong Kong index eased 2.16 to 2,450.33.

☐ **Sydney** — Shares slumped from early highs after the release of worse than expected unemployment figures for April. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,546.3, up 0.6, after being up 9 points at one stage.

☐ **Frankfurt** was closed for Ascension Day. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

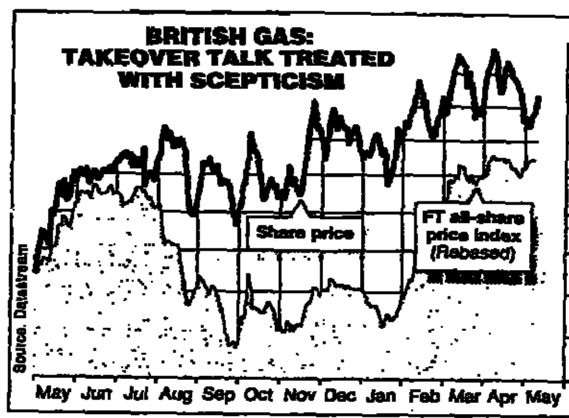
	May 9 midday	May 8 close		May 9 midday	May 8 close		May 9 midday	May 8 close
Abbott Lab	51%	51%	Enron	57%	57%	Oryx Enrgy	34%	35%
Aetna Life	42%	42%	Entergy	25	24%	Pac Ent	34	33%
Ahmanson	17%	17%	Ethyl	30%	30%	Pac Gas Elec	26%	26
Air Prods	68%	64%	Exxon	59%	57%	Pac Telesis	40%	40%
Albertsons	46%	46%	Fed NMA	47%	47%	Paccar	43%	42%
Alcan Al	20%	20%	Fedrl Exprs	40%	38%	Pacificorp	21%	21%
Alco Stand	31%	30%	Flt Norstar	25%	25	Pall	32%	32%
Allied Signal	29%	29%	Fluor	48	47%	Paramount	39%	39%
Alumin CA	70%	70%	FMC	42%	43	Parker-Hanfn	25%	25%
Am Brands	41%	41%	Ford Motor	33	32%	Penney	54%	53%
Am Cyanmd	62%	62	FPL	30%	30%	Pennzoil	70%	71%
Am EPC	29%	29	Fst Chicago	26%	26	Pepsico	31%	31%
Am General	38%	38	Fst Intrsta	40	39%	Pfizer	57%	58%
Am Home	59%	59%	Fst Union	20	19%	Philips Pet	27%	27%
Am Intl	89%	88%	Gannett	43%	44	Phildpa Elec	20%	20%
Am Medical	10%	10%	Gen Cinema	23	23	Philp Morris	68%	68%
Am Stores	56%	56%	Gen Elec	73%	72%	Phlps Dodge	64%	64%
Amax	24%	23%	Gen Mills	56%	57	Pitney Bow	56%	58
Amer Hess	54%	53%	Gen Motors	38	38%	Plcr Dome	12%	12%
Ameritech	61%	61%	Gen RE	91%	90%	PNC Fncl	35%	34%
Amax	24%	24%	Gen Signal	45%	45%	Prmdle Estn	12%	12%
Amoco	54%	54%	Genentech	29%	29	Polaroid	26%	25%
AMP	51%	51%	Genuine Pts	41%	41%	PPG Inds	47%	46%
AMR	64%	63%	Georgia-Pac	47%	47%	Prctr Gmble	82%	82%
Anheuser-B	51%	51%	Gillette	70%	71	Price	82%	83
Apple Comp	49%	50%	Goodrich	38%	38%	Primerica	29%	29%
Archer-Dan	23	22%	Goodyear	22%	22%	Pub Service	27%	27%
Arkla	18%	18%	Grace	30%	30%	Quaker Oats	58%	58
Armstrong	28%	28%	Greyhound	35%	35%	Ralston Pur	55	55%
Asarco	25%	25%	Gt Atlantic	44%	44%	Raychem	27%	26%
Ashland Oil	33%	33%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	81%	81%
AT&T	38%	35%	GTE	30%	30%	Reebok	24%	25
Atlan Richfld	128	127%	Hallibrtn	43%	43	Roadway	51	50%
Auto DP	36%	36%	Heinz	38	37%	Rockwell	27	25%
Avery Intl	24%	24%	Hercules	38%	38%	Rohm Haas	38%	37%
Avon Prod	46%	45	Hershey Fd	43%	42%	Royal Dutch	84%	83%
Baltimore	29%	29%	Hewlett Pkd	47%	45%	Rubbermaid	51%	51%
Banc One	39	39	Hilton Htl	47%	46	Ryndls-Mtl	60%	60%
Bankamerica	39%	39%	Home Depot	58%	58%	Safeco	39%	39%
Bard	27%	27%	Homestake	14%	14%	Salomon	33%	33%
Barnett Bk	27%	27%	Honeywell	58%	57%	Sant Fe Pac	8%	8%
Bausch Lmb	87%	87%	Houston Ind	38	37%	Sara Lee	39%	38%
Baxter Intl	35%	34%	Hschld Intl	43%	42%	Scecorp	39%	39%
Bec Dickn	78%	78	Humana	50%	49%	Schlmbgr	64%	63%
Bell Atlan	47%	48	IBM	104%	102%	Schrg-Plgh	53%	51
Bellsouth	49%	49%	IF&F	80%	80%	Scott Papr	41%	41%
Bkr Hughes	29%	29	Illinois TW	55%	56%	Seagram	96%	97%
Black Decker	12%	12%	Inco	34%	34%	Sears Rbk	39%	39%
Block	52%	53	Ingsol-Rand	46%	46%	Secrty Pac	25%	25%
Bnkrs Tst NY	50%	49%	Inland Steel	20%	20%	Shrwn-Wlms	22%	22%
Boeing	47%	47%	Intel	53%	51%	Skyline	17	17
Boise Casc	24%	25	Intl Paper	63%	62%	Snap-on Tls	31	30%
Borden	37	36%	ITT	59%	58%	Southern	27%	27%
Brist-Myer	80%	78%	James River	26%	25%	St Paul	68%	68%
Browng-Fer	30	29%	Johnsn Jhsn	94%	94	Stanley Wk	36	35%
Burl Nth	31	30%	K Mart	40%	40%	Stone Cntr	18%	18%
CAI	7%	7%	Kellogg	92%	92%	Sun Co	32%	32%
Campbell Sp	82%	81%	Kerr-McGee	43	43%	Suntst Bk	28%	28%
Cap Cities	480%	474	Kmbrly-Clrk	97%	97%	Super Valu	28%	28%
Capital HC	52	52%	Knght-Rddr	56%	55%	SW Bell	51%	51%
Carolina	46	46%	Lilly	76%	76%	Syntex	42%	42%
Caterpillar	52%	51%	Limited	26%	27%	Sysco	40%	40%
CBS	160%	159%	Lin Brdcstg	68%	69	Tandem	15%	16
Central SW	45%	45%	Lincln Nat	49%	49	Tandy	32%	32%
Champion	27	27%	Litton Ind	84%	84%	Tele-comm	15%	15%
Chase Man	18%	18%	Lockheed	43%	43%	Teledyne	19%	19%
Chem Bnkg	20	19%	Louis-Pac	37%	36%	Temple-In	41%	41%
Chevron	77%	77%	Manu Hano	24%	24%	Tenneco	45%	44%
Chrysler	13	13%	Marriott	20%	19%	Texaco	67%	67
Chubb	66%	65%	Marsh McLen	80%	79%	Texas Inst	40	39%
Cigna	49	49%	Martin Mar	57	56%	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	16	15%	Masco	22%	21%	Textron	33%	33%
Clorne Liz	45%	46%	May Dept	54%	54%	Time Wrnr	122%	122%
Clorox	38%	38	Maytag	14%	14%	Times Mirr	29%	29%
Cmwlth Eds	38%	38%	McDnl Doug	49%	49%	Timken	25	24%
CNA Fincl	84%	84	McDonalds	34%	34%	Torchmark	52%	52%
Coastal	35%	35%	McGraw-Hill	61%	60%	Toys R Us	29	27%
Coca-Cola	54%	54%	MCI Com	28%	27%	Transam	33	32%
Colgate-Pal	80	79%	Mead	34%	34%	Travelers	23%	23
Columb Gas	40%	40%	Medtronic	114%	115%	Tribune	48	47%
Compaq	60%	60%	Mellon Bk	28%	28%	TRW	40	39%
Conagra	44%	44	Melville	50%	49%	Tyco Lab	48	48%
Cons Edis	24%	24%	Merck	118%	118	UAL	158%	157
Cons NG	41%	40%	Merl Lynch	39%	39%	Un Camp	42%	42%
Cons Rail	51%	50	MMM	88%	87%	Un Carbide	18	17%
Cooper Ind	49	48%	Mobil	69%	68%	Un Pacific	84	83%
Corning	59%	59%	Monsanto	63%	63%	Unilever	81%	82%
CPC Intl	83%	82%	Moore	25%	25%	Unisys	4	3%
Crown Cork	74%	73	Morgan	53%	53%	Unocal	27%	27%
CSX	42%	42%	Motorola	63%	62%	Upjohn	43%	44%
Dana	32%	32	Nat Medical	47%	46%	US West	36%	36%
Dayton-Hud	75%	74	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	19%	18%
Deere	52%	52	Nat Service	24%	24%	USF&G	11%	11%
Delta Air	74%	74%	Navistar	3%	3%	US Life	40%	40
Deluxe	41%	41%	NCNB	37%	37%	UST	44%	44%
Detroit Edi	29%	29%	NCR	103%	103%	USX Mar	25	25%
Digital Eq	65%	64%	NBD Bncp	38%	38%	Utd Tech	45%	45%
Dillard	119%	119%	Newmnt Min	34%	35	Utd Telcm	28	27%
Disney	121	119%	Niagr Mhwk	15%	15%	VF	27%	27%
Dominion	48%	49%	Nike	48%	48%	Wal-Mart	41%	40%
Donnelley	46%	45%	NL Indstrs	13%	13	Waste Mgmt	39%	39%
Dover	40%	40	Nordstorm	40%	40%	Wells Fargo	86%	86%
Dow Chem	51%	50%	Norflk Sthn	46%	45%	Westg Elec	28%	28%
Dow Jones	28%	28%	Norwest	29	28%	Weyerhsr	28%	28%
Dresser Ind	23%	23%	Nthn St Pwr	34%	34%	Whirlpool	31%	31%
Du Pont	43%	42%	Nthn Telcm	38%	38%	Whitman	13%	13%
Duke Pwr	29%	28%	NY Times	22%	22%	Winn-Dixie	36%	36%
Dun Bradst	48%	48%	Nynex	70%	70%	Woolworth	30%	30%
East Kodak	41%	41%	Occid Petl	21%	20	Wrigley	62%	63%
Eaton	58%	56%	Ohio Ed	18%	18%	Wmr-Lamb	75%	74%
Emerson El	46	46	Oracle Sys	9%	9%	Xerox	57%	58%

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2955.72 (+24.82)*
S&P Composite .... 381.93 (+3.42)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 26438.50 (+128.71)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3744.46 (−3.34)
FT-SE Euro 100 ...... 1127.20 (+7.33)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... Closed
Sydney: AO .... 1546.3 (+0.6)
Frankfurt: DAX .... Closed
Brussels:
General .... Closed
Paris: CAC .... Closed
Zurich: SKA Gen .... Closed
London:
FT—A All-Share ...... 1226.05 (+8.24)
FT—"500" .... 1358.36 (+9.84)
FT. Gold Mines .... 146.6 (+2.0)
FT. Fixed interest .... 94.12 (+0.13)
FT. Govt Secs .... 85.03 (+0.19)
Bargains 28369
SEAQ Volume 409.0m
USM (Datastream) .... 138.03 (+1.77)
*Denotes latest trading price

STOCK MARKET

British Gas rises 5p after talk of bid from Hanson



THE vivid imaginations of the City speculators were working overtime yesterday as shares in British Gas rose 5p to 244p.

Suggestions that British Gas, currently capitalised at £10 billion, may soon be the target of a bid from Hanson, 3½p better at 332p, were widely dismissed. Apart from its size, there are also likely to be political problems. But one broker quipped: "These days, it doesn't pay to disregard such talk. They laughed when someone suggested a bid for BAT Industries."

British Gas's shares were hit last month by the Ofgas recommendation that limited price rises and the ability to pass on costs. But the price has perked up this week, climbing 10p with more than 6 million shares changing hands yesterday.

Full-year figures this month are expected to show pre-tax profits rising from £926 million to £1.2 billion. But fund managers will be watching for any change in the group's liberal dividend policy and any hint that it may be curtailed by the Ofgas proposals will be poorly received.

Elsewhere, share prices closed at their best levels of the day, helped by the firm start to trading on Wall Street and the success of this week's bond auction. Investors are now hoping for another cut in interest rates next week with the inflation figures.

Turnover was thin with only 409 million shares traded. The FT-SE 100 index rose 18.4 to 2,541.8 while the FT index of 30 shares rose 12.1 to 1,996.2.

Government securities warmed to the prospect of cheaper money with rises of £¼ at the longer end.

Land Securities rose 13p to 529p in a thin market. It looks as if one market-maker is struggling to cover a short position. BP, 3p dearer at 346p, pleased the market by reporting a first-quarter profit. Most forecasts had suggested a trading loss.

Sears, the stores group, held steady at 90p after announcing full-year figures showing pre-tax profits 36 per cent down at £146.9 million.

BBA, the automotive parts group, is asking shareholders for £79 million to reduce debt. The group plans to raise the money via a rights issue on the basis of one-for-four at 112p. At a recent presentation, the group painted a bleak picture of prospects, saying that there was no sign of an upturn. The shares responded with a fall of 12p to 127p.

Meanwhile, brokers, looking anxiously for signs of an upturn in the economy, closely monitored some of yesterday's annual meetings. But GKN was unable to offer any crumbs of comfort, falling 8p to 349p after issuing a warning that pre-tax profits for the first six months would fall short of the corresponding £71.5 million achieved last year. T&N, which last week sprang a rights issue on the market, rose 4p to 160p despite issuing a warning to its shareholders that there was no sign of a recovery. BTR fell 5p to 401p after reporting that the results for the first four months had fallen short of those last time and TI Group is also viewing this year cautiously although the shares held steady at 503p.

Pendragon, the car distributor, dropped 3p to 145p after announcing a rights issue to raise £11 million. The company is buying Portmann, a Manchester Mercedes dealership, for £4.75 million. The purchase comes in the same week as the news that new car sales have slumped to an 11-year low.

Kunick, with interests ranging from fruit machines to nursing services, is also asking shareholders to put up £17.6 million. Kunick saw its half-year pre-tax profits drop from £8 million to £7.2 million. The shares eased 2¼p to 40¼p.

Radio City, the independent Liverpool broadcaster, surged 92p to 377p after receiving an agreed, £10.7 million bid from Emap, the publishing group. Emap eased 12p to 230p.

The electricity companies were chased higher before the flotation of the two Scottish generators. The feeling in the City is that the issue will be oversubscribed, giving the government's financial advisers the scope to price the shares keenly, reflecting favourably on their English counterparts.

MICHAEL CLARK

Jim Ross, at Hoare Govett, in his latest review of the electrical sector, says that, after a period of euphoria at the beginning of the year, the winners will be companies with a bias towards construction. Mr Ross rates BICC, up 2p at 429p, and FKI, unchanged at 57p, as buys, while he says that GEC, unchanged at 201p, and Hawker Siddeley, up 1p to 585p, are overvalued.

Pendragon calls for £11m to fund further expansion

By JONATHAN PRYNN

PENDRAGON, the car dealer hived off from Williams Holdings in 1989, is calling on shareholders for £11 million to finance an acquisition and future deals.

The shares fell 3p to 145p on the news, with the 115p price set for the one-for-two rights issue offering a 22 per cent discount to the price before the announcement.

The rights issue, which is underwritten by Schroders, will leave Pendragon with net cash of £3 million and shareholders' funds of £32.4 million. The company said it would use the war chest to add further franchises to the marques already held and also to add new marques "aimed at the specialist and higher value sectors of the market". Investment in dealerships in continental Europe, Germany in particular, are also being considered.

Finn: adding quality

The company's latest acquisition, the £4.75 million purchase of Portmann, a Manchester Mercedes-Benz dealership, takes the number of franchises it operates to 27.

Trevor Finn, the chief executive of Pendragon, said: "The addition of Portmann to our dealership portfolio is consistent with our strategy of adding quality businesses with good growth potential. The acquisition further enhances our excellent relationship with Mercedes-Benz."

Portmann made pre-tax profits of £0.9 million during the nine months to end November on turnover of £13 million and had net assets of £3.2 million.

In a trading statement, Pendragon gave warning that the first half was proving "a very difficult environment in which to sell new motor vehicles" and that profits so far in the first half of 1991 are lower than in the comparable period last year. However, the company believes that market conditions may improve in the second half, following the recent interest rate cuts.

Frogmore attacks Southend paper bid

By MATTHEW BOND

THE gloves are off in the £125 million battle for control of Frogmore Estates, the property company. In the defence document sent to shareholders yesterday, Dennis Cope, the Frogmore chairman, attacked both the asset value and gearing of Southend Property Holdings, the property group that made an all-share bid for Frogmore last month.

Southend's offer, said Mr Cope, was "no more than a thinly disguised attempt to overcome its very real problem caused by an alarming level of gearing, which has continued to rise as property values have continued to fall."

With Southend offering only a share swap, Frogmore says Southend's shares are 69 per cent below their level before the stock market crash in October 1987. By contrast, Frogmore shares are 2 per cent higher.

Anglo Irish bucks the trend with 11% rise

By OUR CITY STAFF

ANGLO Irish Bank Corporation, Ireland's third-largest banking group, has bucked the trend by reporting an 11 per cent increase in interim pre-tax profits, despite only a marginal contribution from United Kingdom lending activities.

The bank said it had taken a conservative approach to loan provisioning and new lending in the United Kingdom "while the economy there struggles to recover".

However, significant market share gains in Ireland more than compensated, resulting in pre-tax profits of Ir£3.22 million (£2.9 million) for the six months to end-March, against Ir£2.9 million for the previous first half. Advances and deposits both grew by more than 40 per cent.

The bank said negotiations to increase its tier 2 capital were almost complete and would shortly be announced. The prospects for the second half were for continued growth in profitability. The interim dividend is maintained at Ir1.36p.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	755	CU	324	Lucas	1,350	Royal Ins	269
Alld-Lyons	1,446	Courtaulds	262	M&S	1,898	Sainsbury	845
Anglian	203	Enterprise	1,201	Maxwell Cm	1,184	Scot & N	451
ASDA	1,843	Eurotunnel	681	MEPC	380	Sears	14,144
AB Foods	74	Fisons	928	Midland	2,605	Severn Trnt	748
Argyll	1,158	Gen Acc	267	Natl Power	17,547	Shell	5,122
BAA	447	GEC	2,258	Nat West	1,981	Smith & N	2,488
BET	1,584	Glaxo	958	N W Water	421	SK Beech	2,045
BTR	4,151	Grand Met	800	P&O	379	Sun Allnce	713
BAT	770	GUS 'A'	158	Pearson	1,133	Tarmac	1,078
Barclays	658	GRE	2,159	Pilkington	785	Tate Lyle	2,407
Bass	452	Guinness	787	PowerGen	6,833	TSB	764
BICC	146	Hamm 'A'	54	Prudential	5,730	Tesco	1,241
Bk Scotlnd	950	Hanson	3,405	Racal	2,844	Thames Wtr	338
Blue Circle	1,291	H & C	2,161	Rk Hovis	952	Thorn EMI	248
BOC	1,407	Hawker	107	Rank	378	Trafalgar	1,824
Boots	975	Hillsdown	464	R&C	186	THF	2,716
Br Aero	938	ICI	1,044	Redland	1,693	Ultramar	457
Br Airways	3,687	Kingfisher	1,993	Reed	818	Unilever	474
Br Gas	6,142	Lasmo	209	Reuters	827	United Bis	548
Br Petrol	6,314	Ladbroke	734	RMC Gp	189	Wellcome	1,045
Br Steel	2,856	Land Sec	1,787	RTZ	795	Whitbrd	652
Br Telecm	4,572	L&G	623	R-Royce	1,477	Wig Teape	1,971
C&W	1,083	Lloyds	1,632	Rothmn 'B'	86	Williams	1,336
Cadbury	867	Lonrho	341	Royal Bank	968	Willis Cor	600

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberdeen Tst	55	Invergordon (135p)	150
Atlantis Resources	37	Levercrest (108p)	60
Aberforth Smlr (100p)	123 +1	MMEC	2¾
Alliance Res	41	MMI (20p)	24
Brabant Res (155p)	132	Malaysia Capital	£6⅞
CMW Group (90p)	61	Proteus Intl (84p)	115
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102	Seton Healthcare (135p)	176
EFM Income Tst	66	Smaller IT	79
EFM Java Tst (50p)	50	Stand Platform (225p)	144
East German Inv	111	Trio Inv Tst	42
Eidos (100p)	50	Utd Uniform	109 +4
Etonbrook	65	Unichem (100p)	171 +1
Europe Energy	14	Wig Tpe App	248 +2
Gresham Telecomp	15		
Headline Book	122		
Highcroft Inv	165		

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 7	May 24	Aug 8	Aug 19

Call options were taken out on: 9/5/91 ADT, Aaronson, Brent Walker, Business Tech, Control Secs, Doctus, McCarthy & Stone, Midland & Scottish, MMEC, M&W, North Broken Hill, Oliver Res, Premier Cons Oil, Saatchi & Saatchi, Stakis, Surrey Group.
Puts: T Cowie, Sketchley.
Puts & Calls: Metana Mineral, Rockware, Saatchi & Saatchi.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyons	500	66	85	93	9½	16	22
(*564)	550	38	55	65	30	36	42
	600	18	32	43	63	65	70
ASDA	110	16	17	21	2	4	5
(*121)	120	9	11	14½	5	8½	9½
	130	4	6½	10	11	14	16
Bass	929	60	90	-	25	34	-
(*960)	977	33	64	-	52	57	-
	1026	16	42	-	88	92	-
Boots	330	52	59	64	3	6	8½
(*377)	360	26	38	45	10	14	17
	390	10½	22	30	25	31	33
Br Airways	140	35	35	36	2½	4	5
(*174)	160	14	20	24	8	9	12
	180	5	10	15	19	21	23
BP	330	26	33	39	6	11	13
(*346)	360	9½	17½	25	22	26	28
	390	4	8½	13	51	51	51
Br Steel	130	6	8	10	8½	10	11½
(*132)	140	2	4½	6½	17	17½	18
	160	1	2	-	36	36	-
C & W	500	57	73	85	8½	15	19
(*552)	550	23	43	57	28	35	40
	600	8	23	35	65	70	74
CU	460	58	65	-	5	12	-
(*510)	500	30	40	53	15	26	30
	550	10	19	28	50	57	63
Courtauld	360	47	57	65	5	8½	11
(*402)	390	24	38	47	14	19	22
	420	10½	24	31	33	37	39
GKN	330	32	37	46	8	16	19
(*349)	360	15	22	30	22	31	33
	390	6	12	19½	43	52	53
Grand Met.	750	94	115	132	7	14	20
(*831)	800	58	80	100	20	29	35
	850	27	54	70	43	53	60
ICI	1050	99	114	-	14	25	-
(*1116)	1100	64	84	-	29	52	-
	1150	37	58	-	57	75	-
Kingfisher	460	44	57	70	11	18	22
(*495)	500	23	37	48	28	37	40
	550	6	18	28	68	70	71
Ladbroke	260	38	45	49	3½	8	11
(*290)	280	23	31	37	9	14	18
	300	12	21	27	20	24	27
Land Sec	500	38	48	56	8½	13	17
(*529)	550	7½	19	29	37	42	43
	600	2	7	-	80	84	-
M & S	240	23	32	37	4	6	9
(*261)	260	10½	18½	25	12½	14	18
	280	4	12	16	27	29	30
Sainsbury	330	62	73	80	1½	3	5
(*390)	360	37	50	57	6	9	11
	390	17	30	38	16	20	23
Shell	460	78	90	98	2	7	8
(*525)	500	47	55	68	9	17	21
	550	16	27	40	33	42	45
Smkl Beech	750	77	98	117	9	18	22
(*800)	800	42	66	85	26	37	42
	850	30	40	60	53	60	63

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Racal	200	33	37	44		4½	6½
(*231)	220	16	25	32	3½	11½	14
	240	5	14	21	14	22	24
	260	1½	7½	14	33	36	37
RTZ	460	101	114	118	1	2	4½
(*558)	500	62	79	87	2	6	12
	550	16	43	54	11	20	28
	600	3	16	30	47	47	50
Scot New	330	58	65	-	1½	3	-
(*388)	360	28	40	47	2	11	14
	390	8	19	29	12	24	28
	420	2½	8½	17	37	45	48
Tesco	253	37	44	-	1½	2½	-
(*289)	280	12	23	31	3	8	10½
	300	3	13	18	15	18	23
Thames W.	280	40	46	48	1	5	8
(*318)	300	22	29	34	3	11	14
	330	4	12	17	15	30	32
Lucas	140	25	31	34	1	4	5½
(*162)	160	8	16	21	4	8½	12
	180	1½	8	12	19	22	25
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons	420	76	90	100	2½	5½	7½
(*485)	460	43	59	71	8½	14	17
	500	19	35	48	25	30	33
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat.	240	35	39	46	1½	4	5½
(*270)	260	18	25	32	5	10	12
	280	7½	14	21	14	19	22
Amstrad	70	6	10½	14	2¾	5	7½
(*73)	80	2	5½	9	9	11	13
	90	1	2½	5½	19	20	21
Barclays	420	47	56	65	5½	14	19
(*455)	460	20	31	43	21	32	34
	500	6	15	24	47	56	62
Blue Circ	240	26	35	41	3½	9½	12
(*260)	260	13	22	30	11	18	21
	280	6	13	20	24	30	33
Br Gas	220	29	31	35	1½	5	6½
(*244)	240	13½	16	22	5	13	15
	260	3¾	7½	13	18	26	28
Dixons	180	21	24	28½	4	7½	10
(*196)	200	8	13½	17	15	19	20
	220	2	5½	-	27	31	-
Glaxo	1050	97	-	144	9	-	32
(*1120)	1100	55	-	112	24	-	50
	1150	28	-	85	50	-	74
Hawker	500	88	93	104	5	13	22
(*586)	550	40	60	72	17	31	39
	600	14	36	48	50	60	65
Hillsdown	240	16	26	32	7	12	15
(*252)	260	6½	16	22	19	23	25
	280	2	8½	14	36	37	38
Lonrho	240	32	35	43	2	7	9
(*266)	260	16	22	31	7	14	17
	280	6	13	22	20	26	28
Midland	180	41	44	47	1½	4	7
(*219)	200	24	29	35	4	9	13

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Storehse	110	12	17	-	4½	7	-
(*120)	120	6½	11	14	9½	12	13
	130	3	-	-	16	-	-
Trafalgar	240	33	42	47	5½	12	18
(*271)	260	18	30	34	12	20	28
	280	9	21	25	26	32	37
Ultramar	300	28	37	46	6	12	14
(*317)	330	11	20	27	24	27	28
	360	4½	10	16	47	50	52
Unilever	650	102	120	-	3½	5	-
(*604)	700	60	80	95	9	14	20
	750	28	49	65	30	37	40
	800	11	28	40	70	70	72
Utd Bisc	330	55	64	70	2	5	7
(*377)	360	31	41	49	7	13	16
	390	13	24	32	21	27	29
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA	390	52	57	67	2	8	12
(*439)	420	23	36	49	5	17	22
	460	5	17	28	28	40	42
BAT Ind	600	107	112	117	1	5	10
(*708)	650	60	72	81	2½	13	22
	700	19	41	52	13	30	42
	750	4	19	31	47	62	72
BTR	360	50	62	66	1	4	8
(*399)	390	23	37	44	4	10	17
	420	5	20	28	18	25	30
Br Aero	550	62	83	92	2	9	14
(*607)	600	20	49	60	10	23	32
	650	4	24	35	45	52	62
Br Telecm.	330	45	51	57	½	4	6½
(*373)	360	17	26	36	3	12	15½
	390	2½	11½	20	20	28	30
Cadbury	360	21	37	45	4	10	15
(*376)	390	5	18	29	19	23	28
	420	1	8	17	47	48	49
Guinness	850	87	115	130	1	8	15
(*930)	900	40	77	95	5	21	30
	950	11	45	63	28	40	48
GEC	180	23	27	29	½	4	5
(*201)	200	6	11½	17	4	10½	13
	220	1	4	8½	19	25	26
Hanson	220	13	19½	26	1½	6½	8
(*232)	240	2	8½	15	10½	16½	18
	260	1	3½	8	30	34	34½
LASMO	330	30	47	55	3	11	14
(*357)	360	10	27	37	14	23	27
	390	3½	16	23	37	45	47
P & O	550	55	75	82	2	9	17
(*599)	600	13	40	48	13	27	37
	650	2	19	27	54	57	67
Pilkington	180	12	18	23	3½	13	16
(*189)	200	2½	9½	15	15	25	28
	220	1	4½	8½	34	42	42
Prudential	220	17	27	30	2	6½	9
(*234)	240	5½	15	19	9	15	19
	260	1	7	11	29	29	32

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
	220	12	17	24	13	22	24
	240	4	10	16	27	35	38
Reuters	750	70	100	122	13	27	34
(*802)	800	37	67	91	32	49	55
	850	17	47	70	65	80	85
R-Royce	140	29	33	35	1	3	4
(*166)	160	12	17	22	4½	8	9½
	180	3½	8	11½	17	20	21
Sears	80	10½	11½	13	2	3	3½
(*90)	90	2½	6	8	6½	8	9
	100		2½	4	15½	16	16
THF	260	18	25	32	7½	12	14
(*278)	280	6	15	20	18	22	24
	300	2	8	-	35	36	-
Thorn EMI	650	98	90	95	2	12	19
(*735)	700	48	53	64	11	32	38
	750	19	29	41	33	61	64
	800	5	13	-	72	90	-
TSB	130	26	27	-	1	2	-
(*154)	140	17	18	23	1½	4	5½
	160	4	7½	10	9	13½	15
Vaal Reefs	50	10	12	14	2½	4½	6
(*$57)	60	4	7	9½	7½	10	11
Wellcome	500	112	129	139	1½	6½	12
(*604)	550	67	89	109	7	17	24
	600	32	59	72	24	34	40
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastn Elec	160	32	36	38	1	4½	6
(*191)	180	14	19	21	2½	11	13
	200	3	8	12	12	23	24
Sthrn Elec	160	53	-	-	1	-	-
(*212)	180	33	-	-	1	-	-
	200	12	-	-	2½	-	-
Elec Pack	1800	300	-	-	20	-	-
(*£2125)	1850	250	-	-	20	-	-
	1900	230	-	-	20	-	-
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Nat Power	120	20	21	-	1½	4½	-
(*137)	130	12	14½	-	3½	8	-
	140	6	8½	-	8	14	-

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Calls						
May	197	150	103	64	33	40
Jun	214	169	128	91	63	39
Jul	232	191	151	117	86	60
Aug	247	206	168	135	105	78
Dec	—	270	—	205	—	145
Puts						
May	3½	5	11	22	45	78
Jun	10	16	25	40	62	95
Jul	18	25	37	52	74	100
Aug	23	32	45	61	80	106
Dec	—	63	—	95	—	138

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Chancery Division — Law Report May 10 1991 — Queen's Bench Division

Power to require director outside jurisdiction to appear

In re Seagull Manufacturing Co Ltd (in liquidation)

Before Mr Justice Mummery

[Judgment April 30]

The court had jurisdiction under section 133 of the Insolvency Act 1986 to order the public examination of a director of a company in compulsory liquidation even if the director was outside the jurisdiction.

Mr Justice Mummery so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division allowing the appeal of the Official Receiver against the decision of Mr Registrar Pimm on September 25, 1990 that, *inter alia*, an order dated July 17, 1990 requiring Colin John Slinn to attend court for the purpose of being publicly examined be set aside.

Mr Nigel Davis for the Official Receiver; Mr Robin Hollington for Mr Slinn.

MR JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the company which was being compulsorily wound up was Seagull Manufacturing Co Ltd. The director, Mr Slinn, a British subject, now lived in Alderney, Channel Islands.

In the view of the Official Receiver the affairs of Seagull could not be duly wound up without the public examination of Mr Slinn in order to establish his conduct of the affairs of the company and the application of its assets.

The Official Receiver maintained that the court had jurisdiction to order the public examination of Mr Slinn since upon its true construction section 133 of the 1986 Act empowered the court to order the attendance of a British subject who was or had been an officer of a company registered in England and Wales being wound up by the court notwithstanding his residence abroad.

Mr Slinn argued that the court had no jurisdiction to make the order relying principally on *In re Tucker* ([1990] Ch 148). In that case the Court of Appeal had held that section 25 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914, which gave the court power to require the production of documents by, and attendance for examination of the debtor and other persons, did not assert a jurisdiction over British subjects resident abroad. The equivalent provisions in the 1986 Act for the private examination of a bankrupt were sections 366 and 367.

There was little doubt that on the authority of *Tucker* the court would construe the provisions of sections 366 and 367 as subject to the same territorial qualification as section 25 of the 1914 Act.

The wide discretionary power of the court to order a private examination of "any person" with regard to the conduct, dealings and property of the bankrupt thus only applied to such a person who was in England at the relevant time.

It was accepted by Mr Davis that there was no power to summon Mr Slinn to attend before an English court for his private examination. However, the provisions for private examination were different from the provisions of section 133, relating to public examination, in two important respects.

First, the power of the court to summon persons to appear before it for private examination extended to a much wider class of persons than the court's power in the case of a public examination.

The very width of the class of persons specified in the private examination provisions in the bankruptcy legislation was an important factor in leading the court to the conclusion that the relevant class of persons had to be limited by the territoriality principle and therefore confined to persons in England at the relevant time who could be served with a summons of the English court in England.

By way of contrast, the power of the court to order public examination under section 133 was confined to a restricted class of persons who had voluntarily concerned themselves in a specified capacity in the affairs of the company which was being wound up, that is, as officer, *liquidator*, *administrator*, receiver or manager, or participant in the promotion, formation or management of the company.

The second important difference was that in private examinations there were express provisions, section 237(3) in the case of a company and section 367(3) in the case of a bankrupt, which, in the words of Lord Justice Dillon in *Tucker* conclusively and inevitably connoted that if the person in question was not in England he was not liable to be brought before the English court.

By way of contrast, such a provision was conspicuously absent from both section 133 and the provisions for its enforcement in section 134.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was more appropriate to compare the public examination provisions in the case of companies in section 133 with the public examination provision relating to bankrupts, section 15 of the 1914 Act and now section 290 of the 1986 Act, than with the private examination provisions relating to bankrupts construed by the Court of Appeal in *Tucker*.

When his Lordship had made that comparison he came to the conclusion that section 133 on its true construction plainly implied that it applied to all who fell within a class of persons specified in section 133(1), whether they were British subjects or not and whether they were within the jurisdiction of the English court or not at the relevant time.

It did not seem to involve any violation of the principles of public or private international law to construe the provisions of section 133 so as to make a person in a specified class liable to public examination even though he might be out of the jurisdiction.

Accordingly the appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Vance Harris, Crowborough.

Liability for injury by dog

Hunt v Wallis

In deciding whether a dog which had caused injury to a person had characteristics which were not normally found in animals of the same species, thereby giving rise to the possibility of liability on the part of the owner under the Animals Act 1971, the relevant comparison was with other dogs of the same breed and not with other dogs generally.

Mr Justice Pill so held in the Queen's Bench Division on May 3 giving judgment for the defendant, Arthur Wallis, in an action by the plaintiff, Susan Hunt, for damages for personal injury.

MR JUSTICE PILL said that the defendant's border collie had collided with the plaintiff who was injured as a result.

The plaintiff had argued that in assessing whether, for the purposes of section 2(2)(b), the dog had characteristics not normally found in animals of the same species, the comparison should have been with dogs generally, otherwise an owner would be able to escape liability by showing that, for example, all dogs of a particular breed were bad-tempered.

In the court's judgment, given the interpretation of "species" in section 11 as including subspecies and variety, where an identifiable breed existed, such as border collies, the relevant comparison should be made with that breed.

Debt challenge

Ex parte Cowie

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment April 25]

Where a harbour authority had instituted charges which had gone unpaid and unchallenged, the debt thus arising could not be suspended by the institution of proceedings for judicial review since such suspension related to charges in prospect, not those already legitimately made.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing James Cowie leave to apply for judicial review of the decision of Sunderland Borough Council to proceed with arresting and in due course selling his fishing boat.

Mr Adam Lewis for Mr Cowie; Mr Ian Croxford for the council.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that trip charges for each time the boats left the port, had been set to commence on April 1, 1989 and had remained unpaid by the fishermen. A total of over £25,000 was outstanding.

On March 21, 1991 the harbour authority decided to arrest and sell the boats of the fishermen. On March 27 the fishermen appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment under section 31 of the Harbours Act 1964 which gave them the right to object to the charges both in principle and in amount.

The applicant now applied for judicial review of the decision of the harbour authority to continue their action levying distraint on his boat over his unpaid charge of £255 on the ground that the application under section 31 meant that the harbour authority had no power to exercise their right of arrest.

There was no time limit in section 31 governing the making of an appeal. That was unusual because in the normal course of affairs a challenge to an administrative decision was subject to a limit of three months so that administrative work could proceed without undue disruption.

The authority submitted that the secretary of state's power in relation to section 31 had effect from the date, at the earliest, of the appeal to him and possibly from the date of his determination and that it did not have any effect in relation to arrears existing prior to the appeal.

His Lordship said that the language of section 31 was clearly framed in respect of prospective charges or action and arrears charged were not rendered illegal just because of the appeal.

Solicitors: Ingledew Botterell, Newcastle upon Tyne; Mr Colin Langley, Sunderland.

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34	Welsh Water	Water	
35	BAA	Transport	
36	Sainsbury J	Foods	
37	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
38	Molynx	Electricals	
39	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
40	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
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575	480	Allied-Lyons	580	585	–	23.4	4.1	11.6
10¼	807	Bass	957	965 r	–	43.2	4.5	10.6
175	124	Boddingtons	153	157 ●	-1	8.0	5.2	11.9
245	173	Bulmer (H P)	240	248	–	10.6	4.3	18.3
143	105	Burtonwood Brew	130	137	–	5.3	4.0	12.5
265	135	Devenish (JA)	248	250	+6	7.1	2.9	18.0
73	51	[illegible] Brewing Gp	72	74	+2	–	–	–
830	623	Grand Met	823	830	+6	27.2	3.3	15.0
359	274	Greenall Wh	346	350	–	13.3	3.8	13.4
454	374	Greene King	447	455	–	13.6	3.0	18.1
931	717	Guinness	927	932 ●	+6	25.0	2.7	14.8
983	870½	Hardys & Hansons	975	990	+5	44.7	4.5	12.0
279	225	Highland Dist	265	270 ●	–	6.6	2.5	20.3
167	128	Invergordon Dist	148	152	–	6.7	4.6	12.4
455	420	Mansfield	449	458	+5	15.3	3.4	11.8
218	185	Marston Thompson	213	217	–	5.6	2.6	17.5
400	382	Matthew Clark	393	403	–	18.6	4.5	13.6
340	240	Morland	330	350	+2	8.6	2.5	15.7
875	538	SA Breweries	875	890	–	–	–	–
409	336	Scot & New	385	390	+6	18.2	4.7	13.9
283	174	Vaux Group	223	226	–	11.7	5.2	11.7
510	408	Whitbread 'A'	503	507	+4	20.4	4.0	14.1
13⅛	13⅛	Do 'B'	13	13⅛	–	20.4	1.5	37.3
505	388	Wolverhampton & D	485	495	-2	12.4	2.5	13.9
447	369	Young 'A'	415	430	+3	16.0	3.8	23.1

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1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
314	251	Anglian Water	300	305	+3	20.4	5.5	8.7
339	263	Northumbrian	322	327	+3	21.4	5.4	4.6
318	257	North West	301	305	+1	21.0	5.6	8.1
303½	231	Severn Trent	293	297	+4	19.6	5.6	6.1
300	229	Sthrn Water	274	279	+4	20.0	6.6	7.5
327	255	South West	310	317	+6	22.2	6.0	6.2
323	263	Thames Water	316	320	-1	21.4	5.5	9.5
356	272	Welsh Water	342	347	+4	22.4	5.4	6.7
366	255	Wessex Water	342	349	+1	20.3	4.9	6.6
330	264	Yorkshire Water	327	332	+2	20.6	5.2	6.6
23139	21000	Package Unit	23083		+540			

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Tel: 071-374 6601				
Am Inc/Gth	29.60	31.63●	-0.25	2.59
Euro	71.98	76.40	-0.54	0.00
Euro Inc	75.20	79.28e	-0.88	1.55
Exempt	733.1	779.40	-1.3	5.27
Extra Inc	46.15	49.33	-0.09	5.78
F/E Emerg Ec	53.34	57.33	-0.04	1.12
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL				
Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366				
High Inc	363.5	387.1	..	6.10
Equity Inc	199.0	211.9	..	5.06
High Yield	207.7	221.20	..	6.02
Balanced	546.7	582.2	..	3.29
Am Inc	34.12	36.32	..	4.05
World Ass Val	32.61	34.72	..	1.61
Japan	142.5	150.8	..	0.01
Sec of Am	300.9	320.4c	..	0.01
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capital	85.96	90.72	+0.03	3.71
Euro Gth Inc	93.27	99.49	-0.60	1.36
Extra Inc	97.55	103.30	-0.20	6.05
General	200.5	214.10	+0.1	3.77
Gt/Fxd Income	81.24	83.11c	+0.12	10.06
Inc Trust	444.5	475.7	-1.0	5.77
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	65.09	68.89	-0.58	0.50
Am Sm Cos	71.82	76.27●	-0.35	0.30
Australia	59.10	63.25●	+0.24	1.80
Convertible	46.91	50.17●	-0.01	6.50
East	135.1	144.1	-0.2	1.20

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	59.35	63.10	-0.44	1.44
F East/Gen	52.20	55.54●	-0.33	0.00
Do Acc	52.20	55.54●	-0.33	0.00
[illegible]	228.5	243.5	-4.1	2.05
Do Acc	243.0	253.9	-4.4	2.05
Growth	287.4	305.8	..	3.17
Do Acc	457.8	487.5	-0.1	3.17
Inc & Gth Inc	331.1	352.3	-0.3	6.10
Do Acc	402.0	427.7	-0.4	6.10
Master Portf	[illegible]	87.98●	-0.38	3.09
Do Acc	[illegible]	87.02●	-0.43	3.03
Spec Sits	64.06	68.15	-0.08	3.25
Do Acc	71.30	75.86	-0.07	3.25
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.33	10.95●	-0.01	5.61
Do Acc	£11.14	11.49●	-0.02	5.61
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT				
2, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GL Tel: Telephone: 071-555 5960				
Dealings : 071-555 5050				
Amer Index	149.7	159.4	-0.8	2.00
Capital	466.2	496.40	-0.7	4.00
Euro Index	105.6	113.9	-1.3	1.84
Euro Growth	71.10	75.87	-0.81	2.61
Far East S S	69.51	74.18	+0.11	0.79
Gold Gen S S	57.54	61.40	+0.18	6.05
Income	444.5	474.10	-1.3	5.16
Intl Gth	82.74	88.28	-0.24	2.09
Jap Index	66.75	71.23	-0.39	0.20
N Amer	292.4	312.00	-1.0	1.74
Tiger Index	92.80	99.03	+0.20	1.82
UK Index	107.8	115.0	-0.5	4.07
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AR				
Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	57.14	61.12	-0.80	1.78
Euro Port	62.36	66.68●	-0.02	0.88
Jap Portf	47.03	50.06	-0.21	1.06
Pacific Portf	59.39	63.87	-0.70	3.45
Portf	59.70	63.85	+0.05	2.07
UK Inc/Gth	56.56	60.75●	+0.28	4.76
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Inv	526.2	548.2	..	5.53
Fixed Int	157.2	157.9	..	10.61
Deposit		100.0	..	11.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's trading

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.5 (day's range 91.4-91.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for May 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7010-1.7120	1.7060-1.7070	0.87-0.85pr	2.27-2.25pr
Montrl	1.9641-1.9731	1.9662-1.9699	0.49-0.44pr	0.90-0.81pr
Amstrdm	3.3442-3.3564	3.3463-3.3500	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Brussels	60.90-61.31	60.99-61.20	18-13pr	37-30pr
Copnhgn	11.3449-11.3899	11.3449-11.3899	2-1½pr	4½-3⅝pr
Dublin	1.1112-1.1127	1.1117-1.1127	19-13pr	41-30pr
Frankft	2.9700-2.9789	2.9700-2.9734	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Lisbon	256.65-258.53	257.52-258.53	27-7pr	23-75ds
Madrid	183.08-184.13	183.14-183.76	17-29ds	65-85ds
Milan	2193.92-2203.34	2193.92-2198.82	2-1pr	2pr-2ds
Oslo	11.5394-11.5937	11.5394-11.5832	1-⅞pr	2⅜-2⅞pr
Paris	10.0364-10.0788	10.0364-10.0508	2⅝-2⅛pr	5⅝-5pr
Stckhlm	10.3449-10.3899	10.3449-10.3899	par-⅛ds	1⅞-1⅝pr
Tokyo	236.52-237.44	237.13-237.44	⅞-⅝pr	2⅜-2pr
Vienna	20.87-20.96	20.89-20.92	5⅞-4⅝pr	12⅝-10⅝pr
Zurich	2.5084-2.5184	2.5104-2.5136	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: *Extel* Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16701.9-16728.7
Australia dollar	2.1706-2.1741
Bahrain dinar	0.6415-0.6495
Brazil cruzeiro *	452.426-452.711
Cyprus pound	0.802-0.812
Finland marka	6.88-6.94
Greece drachma	323.65-326.85
Hong Kong dollar	13.2582-13.2656
India rupee	34.88-35.23
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.6966-4.7032
Mexico peso	5180-5280
New Zealand dollar	2.8824-2.8891
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3825-6.4625
Singapore dollar	3.0157-3.0203
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4903-5.5837
S Africa rand (com)	4.7656-4.7736
U A E dirham	6.25-6.33

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5320-1.5335
Singapore	1.7730-1.7740
Malaysia	2.7615-2.7625
Australia	1.2761-1.2763
Canada	1.1532-1.1537
Sweden	6.2130-6.2200
Norway	6.7830-6.7930
Denmark	6.6700-6.6750
W Germany	1.7450-1.7460
Switzerland	1.4745-1.4755
Netherlands	1.9640-1.9650
France	5.9000-5.9050
Japan	138.95-139.05
Italy	1290.0-1291.0
Belgium (Com)	35.87-35.92
Hong Kong	7.7909-7.7919
Portugal	151.60-151.80
Spain	107.55-107.85
Austria	12.27-12.29

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Apr 30, 1991 Agreed rates May 28, 1991 to Jun 25, 1991 Scheme I: 13.07%. Schemes II & III: 13.32%. Reference rate Mar 29, 1991 to Apr 30, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 12.024%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12%
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 12% Low 12 Week fixed: 12
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 11⁵⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth 11 . Sell: 2 mth 11³⁄₁₆ ; 3 mth: 10⅞ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11²¹⁄₃₂-11⅝	11¹¹⁄₃₂-11⁹⁄₃₂	11³⁄₃₂-¹⁄₃₂	10²³⁄₃₂-10⅝	
Trade Bills (Dis):	12⁹⁄₃₂	11³¹⁄₃₂	11²³⁄₃₂	11¹¹⁄₃₂	
Interbank:	12-11¹⁵⁄₁₆	11⅞-11¹¹⁄₁₆	11⁹⁄₁₆-11⅜	11⁵⁄₁₆-11⅛	11⅛-11
(Overnight: open 13 , close 12⅞.					
Local Authority Deps:	11¹⁵⁄₁₆	n/a	11⁹⁄₁₆	11⁵⁄₁₆	11⅛
Sterling CDs:	12-11⅞	11²³⁄₃₂-¹⁹⁄₃₂	11⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	11⁷⁄₃₂-³⁄₃₂	11³⁄₃₂-11
Dollar CDs:	5.92-5.87	5.97-5.92	5.97-5.92	6.12-6.07	6.55-6.48
Building Society CDs:	12¹⁄₃₂-11²⁹⁄₃₂	11⅝-11⅞	11¹⁹⁄₃₂-11⅝	11⅝-11⅞	11⅛-11

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¹³⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5⅞	6³⁄₁₆-6	5⅞-5
Deutschemark:	8⅞-8⅝	9-8⅞	9⅛-9	9⅛-8⅞	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆	9⅛-8⅞	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8⅞-8⅞	8-7
Yen:	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

(Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $357.10-357.50 Close: $356.90-357.40 High: $357.25-357.75
Low: $356.50-357.00 Krugerrand: $356.50-357.50 (£209.00-210.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.75-85.75 (£49.50-50.50) New $83.50-84.50 (£48.75-49.75)
Platinum: $392.50 (£229.85) Silver: $4.06 (£2.375) Palladium: $94.50 (£55.36)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 25664	Jun 91	2581.0	2593.0	2547.8	2581.9	3435
	Sep 91	2592.0	2594.0	2590.0	2601.0	48
	Dec 91				2644.5	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 123467	Jun 91	88.88	88.92	88.87	88.91	16186
	Sep 91	89.57	89.61	89.57	89.60	4190
	Dec 91	89.78	89.80	89.76	89.77	1221
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 39294	Jun 91	93.88	93.90	93.87	93.88	1729
	Sep 91	93.83	93.84	93.82	93.84	1245
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 116500	Jun 91	90.87	90.88	90.86	90.88	2094
	Sep 91	90.98	91.00	90.97	90.98	883
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 6533	Jun 91	96-03	96-07	95-28	96-06	834
	Sep 91				95-14	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 32511	Jun 91	92-02	92-09	91-27	91-29	11906
	Sep 91	92-10	92-10	92-10	92-06	10
Japanese Govt Bond	Jun 91	95.55				
	Sep 91	95.91				
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 82268	Jun 91	85.25	85.43	85.26	85.42	6309
	Sep 91	85.61	85.66	85.51	85.64	647
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 2960	Jun 91	90.60	90.65	90.54	90.54	224
	Sep 91	90.80	90.80	90.78	90.76	31

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
May	601-600	May	541-538	Aug	169.4-68.0
Jul	624-623	Jul	567-566	Oct	169.8-68.0
Sep	650 BID	Sep	590-588	Dec	171.8-68.0
Dec	665-663	Nov	611-610	Mar	171.6-69.8
Mar	716-715	Jan	631 SLR	May	175.0-72.4
May	739-738	Mar	649-647	Aug	179.4-75.4
Vol: 1524		Vol: 1009		Vol: 949	

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
May	137.80	May	118.75	Jun	129.0-27.5
Jun	109.25	Sep	107.75	Aug	129.5-28.5
Sep	110.85	Nov	111.20	Oct	134.0-33.0
Nov	113.90	Jan	114.45	Dec	138.0-37.0
Jan	116.90	Mar	117.20	Feb	143.0-40.0
Vol:	418	Vol:	116	Vol:	55

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 217

	Open	Close
May (£/tonne)	155.1	163.0
Sep	80.0	77.5
Oct	80.0	80.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	95.11	211.58	112.86
(+/-)	+0.67	-5.29	+0.68
Eng/Wales:	95.11	212.97	113.08
(+/-)	+0.56	-0.58	+1.10
(%)	+10.3	+1.0	-26.2
Scotland:	n/a	194.77	111.43
(+/-)	n/a	+11.21	-1.94
(%)	n/a	-61.0	-62.7

* *Estimated dead carcase weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

May	
Open:	unq
Close:	118.0
Jun	
Open:	unq
Close:	122.0
Jul	
Open:	unq
Close:	120.8

Volume: 149

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 5.00pm:

Refinery problem in the US Gulf and in Saudi Arabia boosted prices in a gasoline market.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.05	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Jun)	20.15	+0.38
Brent 15 day (Jul)	20.05	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	21.90	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	21.75	+0.35

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	247 (+4)	250 (+4)
Gasoil EEC	184 (n/c)	186 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	185 (+5)	186 (+5)
Non EEC 1H Jul	181 (+4)	183 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	67 (n/c)	68 (n/c)
Naphtha	211 (+4)	213 (+3)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

May	189.00 SLR	Sep	unq
Jun	180.75-80.50	Oct	184.50 SLR
Jul	178.25 SLR	Nov	186.00-85.50
Aug	179.25 SLR		Vol: 10407

BRENT

May	20.05-20.15	Jul	20.00-20.05
Jun	20.10-20.15		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 91	1655	1640	1654
Jun 91	1580	1520	1580
Jul 91	1375	1335	1375
Oct 91	1470	1450	1470

Vol: 612 lots Open interest: 2470
Dry cargo index: 1633 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1440.0-1442.0	1374.0-1375.0	Vol: 658350
Lead (£/tonne)	331.00-331.50	342.00-342.50	68200
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1093.5-1094.0	1098.0-1099.0	338400
Tin ($/tonne)	5710-5715	5775-5780	4445
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1326.0-1327.0	1354.0-1355.0	347150
Nickel ($/tonne):	8690.0-8700.0	8680.0-8685.0	20958

FOX MGMI INDEX
(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
May	146.6	147.6
Jun	145.0	145.8
Jul	144.8	145.8

Vol: 281

صكرات الأجل

US visit inspires new ideas on small firms

By Derek Harris

ERIC Forth, the small businesses minister at the employment department, has returned from a fact-finding visit to America with what he describes as "a quiverful of ideas" that could particularly impinge on small business investment in the United Kingdom.

His first plan is to create a computer "dating" system to bring together potential investors and promising small businesses in need of capital.

He said: "I see this primarily as a one-to-one type of investment where the person putting up the cash will also probably take some direct management interest in the smaller business and help it along."

Mr Forth foresees a minimum of government involvement. His main aim is to bring about what effectively would be a cultural change in British attitudes to investment among individuals with substantial cash resources.

This type of informed investment is a common phenomenon in America, but has been slow to gain pace in Britain. Pioneering work has, however, been carried out by local enterprise agencies, which operate an investment "marriage" bureaux system.

Mr Forth would also like to see a reformulation of the loan guarantee scheme. Under this, the government underwrites 70 per cent of the risk taken on by a bank in giving a loan to a small business.

Mr Forth said: "The banks are still positive about this scheme but it is coming up for regular review." He has looked at American variants on the theme, such as operating with lower rates of interest or with longer terms on loans.

The minister is still monitoring bank treatment of small businesses during the recession after complaints that bankers have too readily been pulling the plug on companies or been tough on lending to them.

He said: "There are variations between banks, and within one bank, between its regions, and even its individual managers. At the same time, I am surprised sometimes that small businesses are not more clever at dealing with banks. Projecting a sense of confidence to a bank manager must increase the chances of the relationship being a fruitful one."

"Of course we only go after minnows — minnows can't put up much of a struggle!"

Changing wheels of fortune

By Rodney Hobson

DECIDING between quality control and expansion can be a difficult choice for small businesses. Ernest Witcomb, who makes "the Rolls-Royce of the bicycle world", does not claim that he always got it right.

When he set up Witcomb Cycles, his cycle making operation in Deptford, southeast London, with his wife, Lily, quality was vital in the battle to gain recognition.

Since then, the size of the business has expanded and contracted, but, at the age of 72, Mr Witcomb is content with his small, tightly packed shop. He employs two frame makers and the business provides a living for Mr and Mrs Witcomb and their son, Barry, aged 47.

Mr Witcomb senior was a keen amateur cyclist who officiated at events including the Tour de France and the Olympic Games in his youth. He trained as a licensed grocer, but for the seven years he spent in the army, he was personal clerk to staff officers, a job that involved delivering messages by bicycle.

Witcomb Cycles' first chance of expansion came in the Fifties when Mr Witcomb was invited to exhibit in a British Week in New York. He says: "America was just coming in on the health side of biking. We got an order for £250,000 on the first day. We were treated like royalty." Mr and Mrs Witcomb were invited to lunch with Princess Alexandra but were busy taking orders and had no staff on the stand, so they had to decline. Instead, the princess came to them. Financing the orders was an unexpected problem. Mr Witcomb says: "I went to every bank imaginable but no one would put up the money unless we sold more than half the shares. I did not want to do that because it was my company and cycling was my hobby. After 18 months, we just said we could not take the orders."

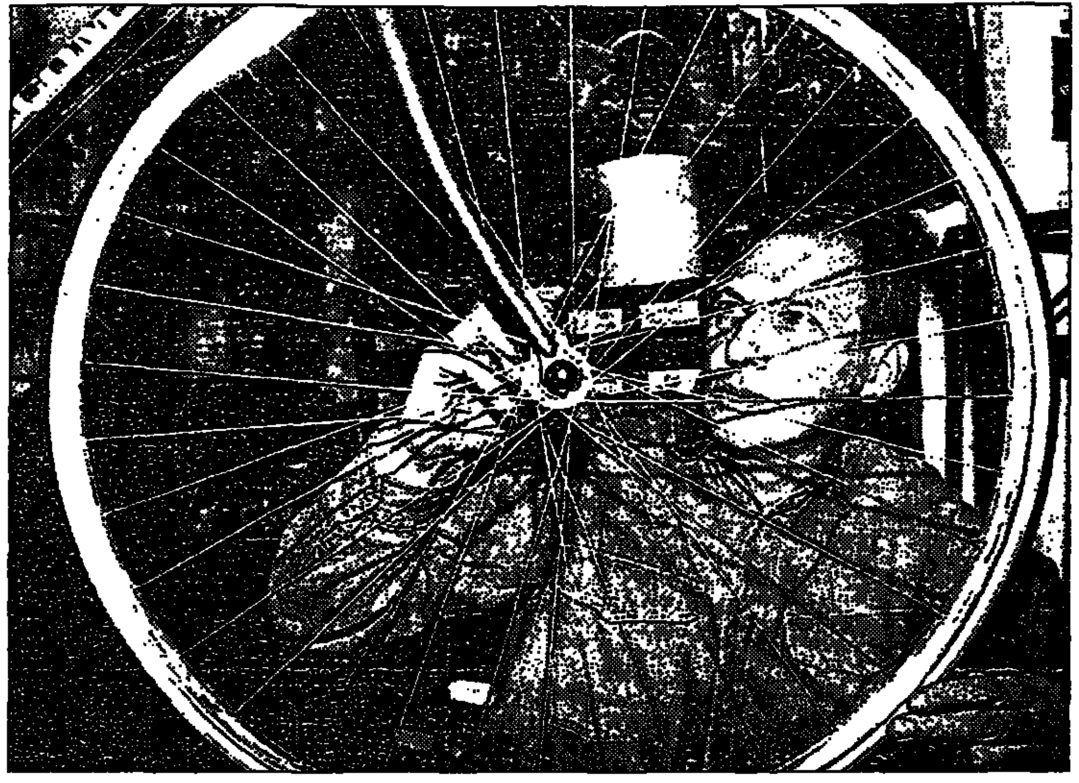
Finally, though, Mr Witcomb expanded and a company in Pwllheli, Wales, began producing his bicyles. He obtained a government loan for £20,000 and the factory received a £50,000 grant.

After two shipments totalling 1,000 bikes, however, Mr Witcomb did not believe production was up to standard. After six months production ceased.

Mr Witcomb did have another attempt at expansion, this time by opening a subsidiary in America. But he discovered that only the imported bikes carried the prestige the Americans sought. He says: "Witcomb USA ran two years but it was not profitable. During that time we trained 20 Americans."

But now, Mr Witcomb is satisfied to concentrate on quality from his small but suitably equipped premises.

JOHN MANNING



Peddling the firm's wares: Barry Witcomb whose father, Ernest, set up Witcomb Cycles

BRIEFINGS

NATIONAL Westminster Bank and Ernst & Young, the accountant, have published a guide for small and medium-sized businesses preparing for the single European market. Making use of a case study format, the guide includes situations for companies contemplating overseas operations for the first time. The guide discusses the need for hedging against exchange-rate changes, even though sterling is now within the broad band of the European exchange-rate mechanism. Sourcing of transport, labour and services abroad are looked at, as are other financial aspects and legal structures. Copies of the free booklet are available from NatWest Mid-corporate Business Services, Level 14, NatWest Tower, 25 Old Broad Street, EC2, and Ernst & Young, Becket House, Lambeth Palace Road, SE1.

☐ Problems faced in family-run businesses will be tackled in a one-day business briefing on Tuesday at the Enterprise Training Centre, Newington Causeway, London. The briefing will be taken by Peter Leach, a partner at Stoy Hayward, the accountant, and is part of a series of briefings on business topics at the centre. One suggestion from Mr Leach is that families should improve communication by having a retreat where they can discuss issues away from immediate business pressures. He believes there could be an improvement in family business survival rates, which show only 13 per cent extant by the third generation. Attendance costs £46 a head. More details are available from Elizabeth Poland Smith on 071-403 0300

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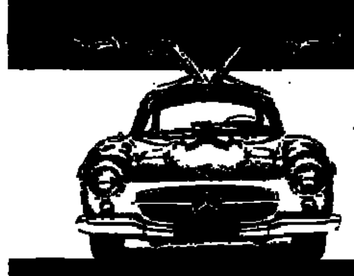

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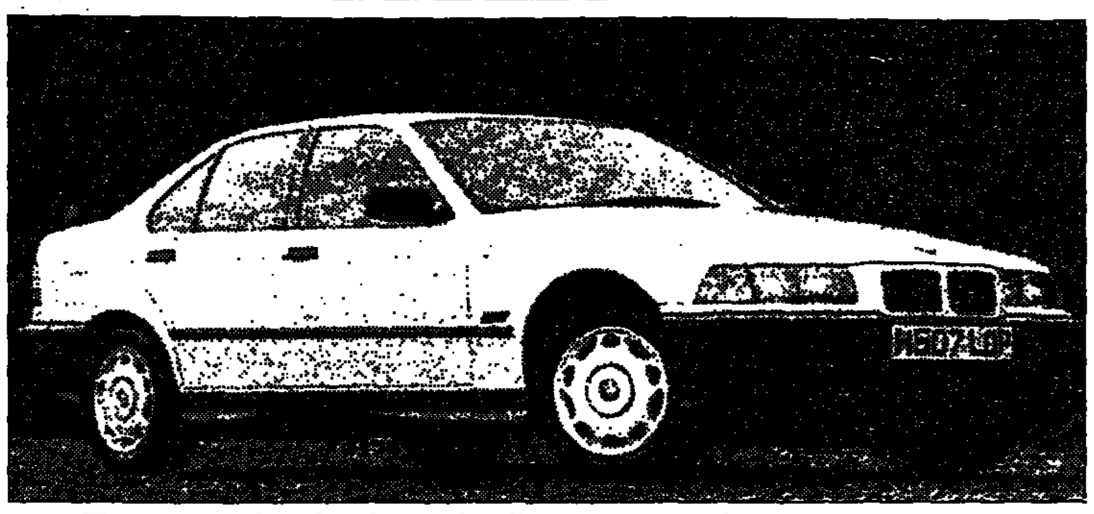

The new BMW 318i: £15,285 buys 0 to 62mph in 11.3 seconds and a top speed 123mph

To have a car praised for its standard of engineering is a key ingredient for success. To receive praise for its value as a fashion accessory is to guarantee cult status.

BMW's 3-series achieved that enviable niche during the Eighties, becoming as important to the well-heeled, up-and-coming executive as a Filofax or a mobile telephone.

In a decade where money talked, the BMW was a symbol denoting the success of its driver. Even as a second-hand car, the 3-series symbolised a driver who recognised quality in a market sector for mid-range cars crowded by shoddy pretenders.

In 1980, 3-series models managed sales of only 6,463. Twelve months later, however, the word had spread that here was a car with exceptional quality of build, doubling sales to 13,000.

The years of the stock market boom and fat wage packets among young executives saw sales leap to their 1989 peak of 29,072. The BMW became the car to which every sales representative aspired.

With its popularity grew the legend that the 3-series was undisputed head of a league of cars that contained some humble competitors in strict terms of size, such as the Ford Escort, Rover 200 and Vauxhall Astra.

That lead has been whittled away in the past two years with some notable improvements in models from other manufacturers, particularly Rover, whose 200 and 400 series is now spoken about by enthusiasts in the same terms as BMW.

The problem for BMW is that such heady success sets a very hard act to follow, a task which was completed this month with the launch of the revamped 3-series.

But the question for mid-market buyers is whether the 3-series, costing between £14,250 for the base 316i and £21,695 for the 325i, has improved enough to maintain its place as the darling of the aspiring motorist in the face of some tough competition?

Let us look at the improvements. The aerodynamic coefficient (CD factor) is lowered to 0.29, cabin space is greater, and the new 3-series offers new safety margins.

The 3-series beat legislatory crash testing requirements at 35mph, five miles an hour faster than specified. At speeds up to 2.5mph, there is no bumper damage and at 9mph, crumple tubes absorb any impact.

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Body styling is proving less attractive to some eyes, but I like the family resemblance to its bigger sister, the 5-series, particularly the distinctive front grille and twin headlamp arrangement.

I tested the 318i, the model that company car users are most likely to choose, and the 325i, a £21,000 high-speed cruiser. I found the 318i to be the most complete car in the line-up. It offers a smooth ride, excellent road-handling and power delivery, and one of the most comfortable cabins available, rivalled only by Rover's 216GTi. But the substantial feel of the BMW is wonderfully reassuring.

Surprisingly, the 325i is weighty by comparison. Although it offers greater power, up from 113 to 192 brake horse power, the penalty of the heavier power pack seems to be felt through the steering.

The low-range BMWs, especially the 318i, will almost certainly be winners, although cost-conscious motorists will probably look long and hard at the base prices of between £14,000 and £15,000 for cars relatively modestly equipped in terms of some of their competitors.

The price factor could count dearly, but there is still no replacement for the BMW as a fashion accessory.

DETAILS: BMW 318i

Price: £15,285; extras include sunroof £792, anti-theft alarm £460.

Engine: *four-cylinder, 1.8-litre*, capable of 133bhp through manual five-speed gearbox or four-speed automatic transmission. Catalyst as standard.

Performance: manual gearbox version — 0 to 62mph in 11.3 seconds. Top speed 123mph. Fuel consumption 26.6mpg around town.

Tyre makers get to grips with aquaplaning

After years of research, the Germans find a safe solution to avert danger in a downpour

Drain tyre: the AquaContact

FEW buyers looking for a new car check the model of their choice from the ground up. If they did, they might realise that the few inches of rubber which keep them on the road are just as important as the chassis, suspension or brakes *(Russell Bray writes)*.

Continental, the German tyre manufacturer, has been investigating the problems of aquaplaning, when the tyres start to skid on a cushion of water in bad weather, associated with fashionable low profile tyres. The company has come up with a revolutionary tyre design, in showrooms next month, which could provide drivers with a vital safety margin in the rain.

The AquaContact tyre is split in two with a deep drainage groove running around its centre. Although contact with the road surface is reduced by about 6 per cent, Continental says that the tyre ploughs through the water like a catamaran, giving a 10 per cent better grip in a straight line and a 20 per cent improvement in lateral grip over the best of the low profile tyres.

Using the latest research on fluid dynamics, Continental claims the tyre is so efficient that water has only half the distance to travel before it is dispersed through its unusual deep tread.

The problem of aquaplaning, with its potentially disastrous consequences as a car "surfs" out of control, has been exercising the minds of the tyre manufacturers for some years.

AquaContact resurrects an idea pioneered by Jerry Juhan, the Hungarian inventor, who wanted two complete tyres on one wheel rim. However, friction between the two adjacent sidewalls, which also tended to trap stones, and the fact that special wheel rims were needed, killed off the project.

Continental kept up research and says that its one-piece tyre with the central groove provides all of the advantages without the drawbacks of the twin tyre concept.

It fits on a standard wheel rim, runs at the same pressures as conventional low profile tyres, has the same load capacity and is rated up to 150mph. Although they will cost about 15 per cent more, Continental says the tyres will also offer almost the same wear on dry surfaces.

Manufacturers are unlikely to offer the tyre as original equipment at first. Motorists will see the product in a series of television commercials showing a car in a swimming pool demonstrating AquaContact's prowess at dispersing water.

Helmut Gieselmann, Continental's vice-president, says: "The low profile tyre market is growing in leaps and bounds and it is an image market we can excel in.

"This is an extravagant looking tyre and we believe it will do well in the replacement market with drivers who not only want the best but want their car to look different."

ROADWISE

Safety recall stalls owners

OWNERS of thousands of popular Ford and Nissan models have been told to report to their local showrooms so that their cars can undergo safety checks.

The latest wave of recalls involves 104,000 Ford Escorts and Orions and 516 Nissan Primeras. Ford says 1.3-litre HCS petrol and 1.8-litre diesel models built between August 1988 and April 1990 need the routing of wiring modified to prevent short circuits. Nissan wants to check 1.6-litre Primeras whose chassis numbers precede SJNBAAP 10U0030000 (4-door) and SJNFAAP 10U0030000 (5-door).

Club for performers

VAUXHALL has formed a club for drivers of its high performance cars as an antidote to criticism about the introduction of the 170mph Lotus Carlton. Paul Tosch, Vauxhall's chairman, says he wants drivers to get more enjoyment out of their cars, including safety tips. Membership of the Vauxhall Performance Car Club costs £15. Details (0295-277600).

Licence fee move

PROPOSALS to raise the cost of licence fees have been put to the government by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency. The DVLA says that fees have to go up because of the dip in the number of 17-year-olds. They used to pay for the system with their take-up of provisional licences.

The fees proposed are: provisional licence, £21 (up £4); full licence remains free; duplicate licence, £6 (up £1); exchange licence to add endorsements and so on, £6 (up £1); renewal after 70 years, £6; provisional HGV, £21 (up £11 for lorry and £6 for bus drivers); full lorry or bus, free (currently £10 for lorry and £22.50 for bus) and renewal of lorry or bus £21 (up £11 for lorry and down £1.50 for bus).

Free courses

AUDI is offering free motoring courses to Britain's top 180 fleet managers who use Audis. They will be given training in quattro high performance models on courses which normally cost almost £400. Details from Audi Marketing Department, VAG (UK) Ltd, Yeomans Drive, Blakelands, Milton Keynes MK14 5AN.

More go green

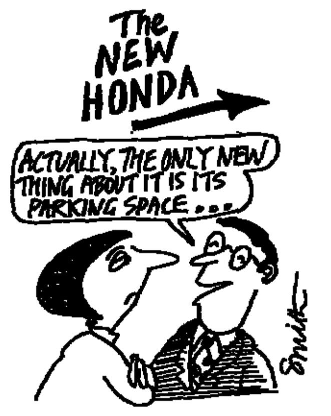
SEVEN out of ten company car drivers are now using unleaded fuel, according to PHH Allstar, the Swindon-based fleet management company. In a survey, it found business drivers are twice as likely to fill up with unleaded than regular petrol. The number of drivers switching over to unleaded is running at 12 per cent a year, equivalent to 30,000 new drivers going green every month.

Yugo's gear change

YUGO has put its modest line-up through a substantial revision to counter criticisms of build quality. The new Tempo range, a small front wheel drive hatchback, offers six models with engines between 903cc and 1300cc. It comes with redesigned trim plus two-year warranty, RAC cover and a three-year bodywork guarantee. The cheapest model is just £3,690.

The space race

So you think parking in London and Britain's other big cities is difficult. In Japan, the streets are so crowded with cars that finding a parking space is more difficult than the driving.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Honda, which has suffered a 4.4 per cent slip in sales at home this year, thinks it can tempt buyers with the offer of a parking space as an extra to the car. The manufacturer has set up the Honda Parking Company, whose job is to seek out areas which can be colonised by city workers who need somewhere to leave their Hondas.

The subsidiary is finding ground and supplying dealers with parking equipment, such as tiered up-and-over stacking systems — almost like bunk beds — so that the maximum number of cars can get on to one tiny space.

Two-wheel misers

IF RAIL strikes happen this year, then take Norman Tebbit's advice and "get on yer bike", says the Institute of Motorcycling. The institute says that should there be any transport disputes this summer, the roads could become crowded with cars, making a small motorbike up to 125cc a practical proposition. They can cost as little as 8p a mile to run.

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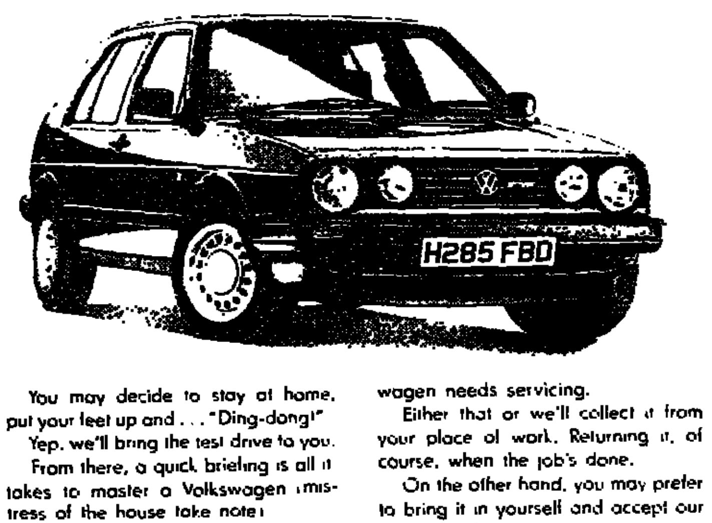

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Indefatigable yachtswoman prepares to set sail again after her epic Maiden voyage

Single-minded Hill relishes single-handed challenge

By BARRY PICKTHALL

MARK PEPPER

Hand on the tiller: Hill foresees no problems on board Oracle in her next nautical challenge

Having rounded Cape Horn, completed a circumnavigation and seven Atlantic crossings by the age of 29, it would be easy to understand Nancy Hill's motives for trading in her sea boots and taking on more ladylike pursuits.

Yet, barely a year since returning to a victorious welcome at Southampton aboard Tracy Edwards's aptly-named Whitbread Round the World Race yacht, Maiden, Hill is preparing for another nautical challenge, this time alone.

On June 1, she will be one of 44 skippers to set out from Falmouth bound for Punta del Garda on the fifth running of the 2,500-mile race to the Azores and back, after twisting her father's arm to loan her his 29-foot Halberg Rassy cruiser.

The payback, thanks to Oracle, the United Kingdom software company which announced this week its intention to mount a British Whitbread challenge of its own in three years' time, is that her father will inherit a new set of sails, extra navigation equipment, and benefit from the considerable tuning expertise of his daughter.

The traditional cruiser, launched last July and renamed Oracle for the race, has undergone considerable modification. Most noticable is the addition of roller furling headsails which allow Hill to reduce or increase sail at whim, merely by pulling on a rope in the cockpit.

"They make life so easy. I wish we had had them on Maiden. They would have saved us many hours of work on a wind- and wave-swept foredeck," she said after returning from an icy cold 500-mile proving trial in the Channel earlier this month.

Sleep, or rather the lack of it, is the harshest test for a single-hander, especially during the opening days of the race when the fleet is tightly bunched and crossing the shipping lanes.

"Seventy hours was the longest period I went without sleep during my proving cruise, but the Channel, where the threat of being run down is highest, is not the best place for doing a proving trial," Hill admitted on her return.

She expects the first leg will take her 11 days to complete, and the return 17 days, with light winds over the Azores slowing her progress home.

While most of her rival skippers have opted to team up with a second crewman, Hill will share the job of steering with an Autohelm 2000 autopilot, together with a spare carried for good measure.

"The boat is not the raciest in the fleet, but she has a very long keel which makes her easy to steer. The system worked extremely well on the trials, and so long as the sails remain well balanced, I don't foresee any problems," Hill said confidently. She hopes that this race will become a stepping stone to a second entry in the Whitbread Round the World Race.

CHAY NOTES

Highlight on safety

Too many power and sail enthusiasts treat essential safety equipment such as lifebuoys, rafts and marker lights as insurance policies. Liferafts remain unserviced, equipment goes unchecked and batteries are not replaced. This problem was highlighted by a survey of readers of *Yachting Monthly*, who were called on to test their man-overboard marker lights, 42 per cent of which failed to operate.

Three months later, and in time for the season, McMurdo Marine has launched a range of sealed "fit-and-forget" floating marker and lifejacket lights, powered by lithium batteries to give them a guaranteed five-year life. The lights also carry emergency instructions on their bodies. Prices range from £22.99 to £45.99.

Coming of age

Corporate sailing has come of age. Just as 71 company crews, representing such diverse names as Ford, IBM and SG Warburg, prepare for a series of 24-hour races around the Isle of Wight later this month in the fifth annual Air Canada Industry Sailing Challenge, another group plans to run management training weekends afloat.

Jerry Muscroft, of Travers Morgan, has chartered five Sigma 36 yachts from the Britannia Sailing School next weekend to coach young engineers working with consultants, contractors and local authorities. Training will centre on developing management and leadership skills, and will include a form of orienteering afloat.

Route retraced

Fancy a trip around the world? One hundred and twenty salty stalwarts, some with little or no blue water experience, have pledged £15,000 each to compete in Chay Blyth's British Steel Challenge next year, and a similar number are ready to take the place of any who falter before the start. Now, another opportunity has arisen for would-be adventurers thanks to three Whitbread Round the World Race veterans.

Bob Salmon, former skipper of Great Britain II, has teamed with two crew from Creighton's Naturally, Tony Allen and Malcolm McEwen, to retrace the Whitbread race aboard Salmon's present maxi yacht, Atlantic Privateer.

Starting from London on September 1, the course will take the crew to Cape Town via most of the eastern Atlantic islands, then to Hobart for Christmas, returning via Cape Horn and New York on August 31, 1992. Each 7,000-mile stage costs around £4,000, and Allen's phone (071 413 3212) is already hot.

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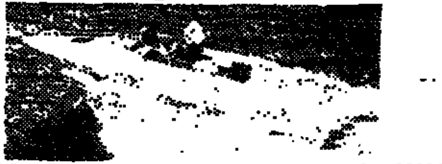

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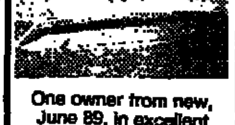

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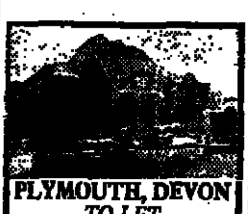

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Regal Sabre to pick up winning thread

MANDARIN

REGAL Sabre, arguably outstayed in his last two races, can regain winning ways over a shorter trip in the Taxinews Stakes at Lingfield today.

Rated his best three-year-old colt by Richard Hannon, the son of *Sharpen Up* was, perhaps optimistically, entered for the Derby. However, on the evidence of his recent runs at Newmarket and Ascot, he will prove more effective over distances such as today's seven furlongs.

Installed joint-favourite for the Feilden Stakes over nine furlongs at Newmarket last month, Regal Sabre looked the likely winner when quickening to lead inside the final furlong but was just run out it close home by Half A Tick, who did not let the form down when second at Chester yesterday.

Given the chance to go one better in the ten-furlong White Rose Stakes at Ascot nine days ago, Regal Sabre proved no match for Perpendicular, who galloped on relentlessly in the soft ground to beat the East Everleigh colt by seven lengths.

While neither of those races proved conclusively that Regal Sabre failed through lack of stamina, his wily trainer has wasted no time bringing him back to seven furlongs with races such as the Jersey Stakes on the not too distant horizon.

My other principal fancy at the Surrey course is **Mystic Crystal**, who made an eye-catching reappearance at Newmarket last week when chasing home Domicksky in a competitive handicap.

The Caerleon filly is preferred to the treble-seeking Collins Avenue and Fly Away Soon, so disappointing behind Peking Opera at Kempton last time after gaining a 12-length maiden success on the same course.

Jack Berry continues his nationwide quest for winners by sending Memsahb on the long trek south for the R R Richardson Maiden Stakes. The booking of Willie Carson for this Ripon third is interesting but I have such good reports of **Wave Hill**, Henry Cecil's first two-year-old runner of the season, that the Sizzling Melody colt must be my selection.

Berry may fare better at the two northern Flat meetings with **Down The Middle** (3.45), **Heather Bank** (4.15) and **Zeppeki** (5.45) all fancied at Carlisle, and **Palacegate Gold** taken to make a winning debut at Beverley (2.15).

Also at Beverley, **Ternimus** is napped to defy top weight in the Risby Handicap. A good servant to Bill Elsey last season, when he won three races, Ternimus finished the campaign with placed efforts in top-notch handicaps at Newmarket and Doncaster.

Now with the astute Francis Lee, Ternimus is sure to be placed to advantage again this season and, following last month's Thirsk pipe-opener, he should now be ready to recapture his good form of 1990.

CARLISLE

MANDARIN

3.45 Down The Middle. 4.15 Heather Bank. 4.45 Fizz Time. 5.15 Our Aisling. 5.45 Zeppeki. 6.15 Sarsta Grai.

THUNDERER

3.45 Jeans Valentine. 4.15 Heather Bank. 4.45 **FIZZ TIME** (nap). 5.15 Moving Out. 5.45 Screamer. 6.15 American Hero.

Michael Seely: 4.45 **FIZZ TIME** (nap).

Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
4.45 **FIZZ TIME**.

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3.45 IRTHING SELLING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,781: 6f) (11 runners)

1	30-5	DOWN THE MIDDLE 22 (CD,F,G) J Berry 9-4	K Darley 9
2	14-0	PETROPOWER 22 (G) M O'Neill 9-4	A Mackay 10
3	16-3	JEANS VALENTINE 8 (D,BF,F,G) J Berry 8-13	J Carroll 1
4	000-	MEESON TIMES 188 (D,F) B Ellison 8-13	S Morris 11
5	5202	STATELY MARCH 18 (D,F) R Stubbs 8-13	M Birch 7
6	-000	BARRON'S BOY 8 W Carter 8-11	R Corant 5
7	00-0	HAMOUDI 27 D Morley 8-11	Dean McKeown 6
8	00-6	LACONIC 14 J Jefferson 8-11	K Fallon 8
9	2005	WANE'S SECRET 7 K McCauley 8-11	L Charnock 2
10	-466	ROSY SAKER 10 W G M Turner 8-6	G Duffield 3
11	0	STATUS FLO 8 M Tompkins 8-6	— 4

7-4 Stately March, 5-2 Down The Middle, 11-2 Jeans Valentine, 10-1 Hamoudi, 14-1 Rosy Saker, 16-1 Petropower, 20-1 others.

4.15 CALDEW MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,803: 6f) (12)

1	2	AUREOLE D'OR 45 R Hollinshead 9-0	K Darley 12
2	4	CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 27 M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch 4
3		EMBLAZONRY (B) J Watts 9-0	Dean McKeown 10
4		HEATHER BANK J Berry 9-0	J Carroll 5
5		SHREWD INVESTMENT C Tinkler 9-0	Paul Burke 7
6		STEFANO S Norton 9-0	— 1
7		STINGRAY CITY J Etherington 9-0	M Wood 9
8		TALBERNO BOY M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 8
9	0	KADARI 28 A Harrison 8-9	K Fallon 3
10		SO REFINED M H Easterby 8-9	S Webster 6
11	3	SPORT OF FOOLS 49 J S Wilson 8-9	A Mackay 11
12	0	SWING O'THE KILT 13 P Calver 8-9	N Carlisle 2

9-4 Heather Bank, 7-2 Emblazonry, 4-1 Cumbrian Challenge, 8-1 Stefano, 10-1 Talberno Boy, 12-1 Aureole D'Or, 16-1 others.

4.45 ESK HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,629: 6f) (7)

1	05-0	GLENFIELD GRETA 16 (F) P Felgate 9-7	F Norton (7) 1
2	1-30	SET THE STANDARDS 27 (S) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 6
3	450-	ROUTING 213 M Bell 9-6	N Day 7
4	-211	FIZZ TIME 4 (D,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-6 (7ex)	Dean McKeown 5
5	24-5	PETONY 14 C W Essey 9-4	G Duffield 3
6	420-	DRUMMER'S DREAM 242 J Mackie 8-9	S Wood (3) 2
7	0-00	EXHELLA 7 K McCauley 7-8	L Charnock 4

5-2 Fizz Time, 100-30 Glenfield Greta, 4-1 Set The Standards, 5-1 Drummer's Dream, 8-1 Routing, 12-1 Petony, 20-1 Exhella.

5.15 EDEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,499: 1m 6f) (11)

1	01-	MOVING OUT 178 M Prescott 9-7	G Duffield 8
2	-144	TOUCHING TIMES 14 (S) M Brittain 9-8	S Maloney (5) 7
3	000	TROJAN ENVOY 23 W Carter 9-3	Dean McKeown 1
4	-040	TYRIAN PURPLE 13 R Hollinshead 9-2	S Perks 3
5	-423	GLOW OF SUMMER 14 M Bell 8-8	J Carroll 6
6	2106	MERCHANT OF VENICE 14 (B) W Pearce 8-6	L Charnock 11
7	5-32	OUR AISLING 14 S Norton 8-5	K Darley 4
8	00-0	BOLGHERI 28 Don Enrico Incisa 8-3	Kim Tinkler 2
9	00-0	COIR 'A' GHAILL 10 C Booth 8-3	K Fallon 9
10	00-0	STONE RUN 13 A Stringer 7-12	Paul Burke 5
11	0-60	BONNY'S GAME 18 (B) C W Essey 7-8	S Wood (3) 10

11-4 Glow Of Summer, 7-2 Moving Out, 4-1 Our Aisling, 5-1 Touching Times, 7-1 Merchant Of Venice, 16-1 Coir 'A' Ghaill, 20-1 others.

5.45 DERWENT CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,716: 1m) (9)

21		SCREAMER J Etherington 8-8	K Darley 5
22	-583	ZEPPEKI 14 J Berry 8-8	J Carroll 4
23	-200	JOHNS GAMBLE 13 (B) T Fairhurst 8-6	S Webster 2
24	-000	CLASSIC RING 8 (F) J Charlton 8-4	Jane Findlay 6
25	000-	BARELY BLACK 191 J Haldane 8-0	— 3
26	00-0	PRIVATE THOUGHTS 44 M O'Neill 8-0	A Mackay 7
27		PUCK'S BOSS M Prescott 8-0	G Duffield 1
28	000-	PAULINES VALENTINE 207 Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11	M Hunt (7) 9
29	0-00	NELSON'S LASS 14 Mrs S Austin 7-8	P Burke 8

5-4 Zeppeki, 7-2 Johns Gamble, 6-1 Paulines Valentine, 8-1 Nelson's Lass, Private Thoughts, 14-1 Screamer, 16-1 others.

6.15 EAMONT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,759: 1m) (14)

1	0-02	AMERICAN HERO 13 C Tinkler 9-7	M Birch 7
2	48-5	FLASS VALE 16 T Fairhurst 9-3	S Webster 3
3	00-4	SHIMMERING SCARLET 16 T Barron 9-2	K Darley 10
4	5043	PARLIAMENTARY 10 (D) M Brittain 8-12	S Maloney (5) 6
5	0-06	JOHNNY COME LATELY 15 J Wainwright 8-11	P Burke 1
6	0-00	LOCAL DEALER 27 A Stringer 8-8	K Fallon 14
7	006-	WHAT A CARD 244 Denys Smith 8-8	L Charnock 4
8	3504	LUKS AKURA 7 (V) M Johnston 8-8	A Proud 12
9	00-0	WYCLIFFE 20 Denys Smith 8-6	N Connorton 13
10	01-2	SARSTA GRAI 7 (D) R Earnshaw 8-4	A Mackay 9
11	0-05	BALDSKI BOY 10 J Eustace 8-1	G Duffield 2
12	05-0	AUGHTON RIDGE 14 M O'Neill 7-12	S Wood (3) 11
13	00-0	EL NIDO 30 M Camacho 7-10	N Carlisle 5
14	0062	SHOWACA 30 R Mervin 7-10	F Norton (7) 8

4-1 American Hero, Shimmering Scarlet, 5-1 Parliamentary, 6-1 El Nido, 8-1 Showaca, 10-1 Sarsta Grai, 14-1 Flass Vale, 16-1 others.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Chester

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1, HAY YUEN (M Roberts, 9-4); 2, Amoureuse (C Dwyer, 16-1); 3, Stormswept (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Gold Circle (4th), 12 Absolutely Nuts (5th), 14 Tazamisha (6th). 6 ran. Nk, 4l, ¾l, 2l, 5l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.70, £3.90. DF: £22.20. CSF: £27.02. 1min 04.69sec.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, HUNDRA (B Raymond, 25-1); 2, Half A Tick (T Quinn, 4-1); 3, Arokat (Pat Eddery, 4-1) ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Fair Average (5th), 9-2 Evasive Prince, 15-2 Knifebox (6th), 10 Green's Ferneley (4th), 20 Malibu Magic, 33 Noelreac Julien. 9 ran. 1l, 3½l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l. P Kelleway at Newmarket. Tote: £58.10; £7.30, £1.60, £1.40. £90.40. CSF: £109.85. 2min 14.58sec.

3.15 (5f) 1, BREEZY DAY (B Raymond, 16-1); 2, Love Legend (A Munro, 4-1); 3, Slip-A-Snip (Pat Eddery, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Playful Poet (5th), 6 Absolution, Glenstal Princess (6th), 9 Figment (4th). 7 ran. Nk, nk, 1½l, ¾l, 2l. B McMahon at Tamworth. Tote: £20.30; £5.20, £2.30 DF: £38.50. CSF: £70.87 1min 03.22sec.

3.45 (1m 5f 89yd) 1, PER QUOD (B Raymond, 5-1); 2, Warm Feeling (M Hills, 11-8 fav); 3, Indian Queen (W Carson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Sesame (6th), 16 Criminal Law (5th), 25 Out Of Funds, Pier Damiani (4th). 7 ran. NR: Kalakate. 1l, 4l, 6l, 5l, 20l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £5.80; £2.50, £1.60. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.46. 2min 55.68sec. River God (7-2) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 20p in pound.

4.15 (7f) 1, VILANY (R Hills, 13-2); 2, Victoria Road (J Lowe, 7-1); 3, Highland Magic (D Holland, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Relentless Pursuit, 11-2 Russian Mink, 8 Major Rogers, 12 Reabilt, 14 West Riding. 16 Olifantsfontein, Halaim (4th), 20 Asterix, Fancy Me (5th), Valid Point, 25 East Barns (6th), 33 Trainbleu. 15 ran. 1½l, ½l, 3½l, 2½l, 5l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £8.90; £2.50, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £17.10. Trio: £49.30. CSF: £52.71. Tricast: £255.40. 1min 28.98sec.

4.45 (1m 4f 65yd) 1, TOP OF THE BILL (Pat Eddery (13-2); 2, Thomas Leng (S Maloney, 14-1); 3, Clear Light (D Holland, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Church Missionary, 4 Choir Master, 11-2 Just My Bill (6th), 12 Calachuchi (5th), 14 The Goofer (4th), 16 Achelous, 25 Emperor Chang, 50 Loving Omen. 11 ran. NR: Luthier. ¾l, nk, 1½l, 3½l, 10l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £7.80; £2.10, £3.10, £1.90. DF: £45.00. CSF: £84.70. Tricast: £452.70. 2min 43.68sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £4,039.85 carried forward to Lingfield today).

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Brighton

Going: good to firm

2.00 (5f 66yd) 1, Dollar Wine (R Perham, 15-8); 2, Savalaro (25-1); 3, Runnel (11-2). Mister Bandit 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 2l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £2.40; £1.20, £5.90. DF: £15.70. CSF: £34.24.

2.30 (1m) 1, Debjanjo (G Baxter, 5-1); 2, Tom's Prospect (7-2 fav); 3, Princess Jestina (14-1). 17 ran. Sh hd, ½l. J Jenkins. Tote: £10.80; £2.50, £2.30, £4.50. DF: £24.50. CSF: £22.84. Bought in 11,500gns.

3.00 (6f) 1, How's Yer Father (J Williams, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Iron King (9-2); 3, Faynaz (5-1). Mystery Cargo 11-4 jt-fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 1l. R Hodges. Tote: £3.40; £1.70, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £5.00. CSF: £15.52. Tricast: £54.93.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, Every One A Gem (G Carter, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Tiger Claw (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Showmanship (14-1); 4, Shamshom Al Arab (14-1). 17 ran. Nk, 3½l, 1¼l. M Ryan. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £1.70, £2.80, £6.20. DF: £6.60. CSF: £33.30. Tricast: £359.80.

4.00 (1m 2f) 1, Prime Prospect (Paul Eddery, 11-4 fav); 2, South Australia (9-2); 3, Sky Sentry (11-2). 14 ran. 3½l, 2½l. M Jarvis. Tote: £3.40; £7.20, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £5.00. CSF: £15.26.

4.30 (7f) 1, Korypheos (M Jermy 7-1); 2, Major Jacko (25-1); 3, Sarum (7-2). Amethystine 11-4 fav. 12 ran. NR: Joklst. 1½l, nk. S Dow. Tote: £8.90; £2.60, £5.50, £1.60. DF: £175.70. CSF: £142.44. Tricast: £654.62.

Placepot: £30.50.

Carlisle

Going: firm

2.00 (1m 4f) 1, Golden Gunner (R Cochrane, 9-4 fav); 2, Crimson Cloud (5-2); 3, Misty Night (33-1). 7 ran. 8l, 3½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £4.70; £2.90, £1.70. DF: £13.00. CSF: £7.74.

2.30 (1m) 1, Brass Monkey (N Day, 4-9 fav; Our Newmarket correspondent's nap); 2, Indian Slave (8-1); 3, Latosky (10-1). 7 ran. 3l, 10l. W Haggas. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.20. CSF: £3.90.

3.00 (1m) 1, Forever Diamonds (G Duffield, 7-2); 2, Acquisition (8-1); 3, Niklas Angel (11-4 fav). 11 ran. ¾l, 3½l. J S Wilson. Tote: £3.70; £2.10, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £12.20. CSF: £27.47.

3.30 (7f) 1, Midnight Sage (G Duffield, 11-4); 2, Wild Prospect (9-2); 3, Killinghall (7-4 fav). 10 ran. ¾l, 1½l. M Prescott. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £18.80. CSF: £16.26. Tricast: £25.88.

4.00 (7f) 1, Shilton (Dean McKeown, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Amaiti (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Lady Violet (50-1). Gilt Throne 9-4 jt-fav. 8 ran. Hd, 8l. B Hills. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £1.10, £4.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £7.08.

4.30 (1m) 1, Lombard Ships (J Fortune, 2-1 fav); 2, Gant Bleu (4-1); 3, Carry On Cary (9-1). 10 ran. ½l, nk. M O'Neill. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £10.21.

5.00 (5f) 1, Most Surprising (A Culhane, 7-2); 2, Denny Kane (4-1); 3, Murray's Mazda (5-4 fav). 6 ran. Sh hd, 1l. R Whitaker. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £1.60. DF: £5.40. CSF: £17.05.

5.30 (5f) 1, Dalesside Ladybird (J Fanning, 14-1); 2, Jive Music (9-2); 3, No Quarter Given (10-1). Crail Harbour 2-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Always Ready. Hd, hd. T Fairhurst. Tote: £10.80; £5.30, £1.40, £3.20. DF: £142.90. CSF: £72.87. Tricast: £608.10.

Placepot: £9.60.

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WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft (straight course), good (round)

7.00 (1m) 1, You Know The Rules (Pat Eddery, 7-4 fav); 2, Breezed Well (7-1); 3, Robert Dear (11-2). 8 ran. 2½l, ½l. M Channon. Tote: £2.40; £1.60, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £7.00. CSF: £13.72. Tricast: £51.41.

7.30 (5f) 1, Welsh Secret (D Holland, 11-8 fav); 2, Tesmars (10-1); 3, Pallium (14-1). 12 ran. 5l, 1l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £3.00, £2.20. DF: £12.50. CSF: £17.26. Tricast: £146.57.

8.00 (1m 2f) 1, Mohican Girl (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 2, Finance Dancer (9-2); 3, Gravette (20-1). Straw Beret 5-4 fav. 17 ran. 1l, 3l. J Fanshawe. Tote: £8.80; £1.90, £2.50, £5.60. DF: £34.80. CSF: £40.49.

8.30 (1m 6f) 1, Jinga (J Reid, 12-1); 2, Pharaminaux (7-4 fav); 3, Bally Knight (20-1) 11 ran. NR: Dandoon. ¾l, ½l. Lady Herries. Tote: £16.60; £3.00, £1.20, £2.20. DF: £16.60. CSF: £31.52. Tricast: £385.20.

Placepot: £834.40.

Worcester

Going: good to firm

7.00 (3m ch) 1, Over And Above (R Dunwoody, 100-30 fav); 2, Chateby (12-1); 3, Couture Color (11-1); 4, Bold Monk (12-1). 18 ran. NR: Harley, Gringo. 2½l, 1½l. N Henderson. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £6.20, £5.80, £2.20. DF: £178.90. CSF: £51.46. Tricast: £418.30.

7.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Bidders Clown (N Williamson, 8-1); 2, Astrabee (7-1); 3, Forced March (4-1 co-fav). Mister Tickle, Cabin Hill 4-1 co-favs. 12 ran. NR: Eatwing, Simpson. ¾l, 3½l. J Edwards. Tote: £11.10; £2.80, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £27.40. CSF: £58.63. Tricast: £235.80.

8.00 (2m ch) 1, Noble Eyre (R Dunwoody, 9-4); 2, Western Counties (11-8 fav); 3, Trivet (10-1). 5 ran. 1l, 25l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £2.50; £1.20, £1.80. DF: £2.80. CSF: £5.58.

8.30 (2m hdle) 1, Love Anew (J Osborne, 3-1); 2, Lissahane Lass (15-8 fav); 3, Smith's Gamble (7-1). 5 ran. 5l, 10l. O Sherwood. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £2.30. DF: £8.00. CSF: £8.85.

Placepot: £47.70.

Wetherby

Going: good

7.00 (2m hdle) 1, Dooler (J J Quinn, 4-1); 2, Irish Dirty (14-1); 3, Marsh's Law (9-1). Master Dancer 7-4 fav. 18 ran. 5l, 3l. P Dalton. Tote: £7.30; places £2.50, £4.60, £2.80. DF: £47.50. CSF: £86.53.

7.30 (2m hdle) 1, Hard As Iron (S Smith Eccles, 7-4 fav); 2, Stirling Express (5-1); 3, Galloway Raider (11-2). 9 ran. NR: Skeletor. 2½l, 1½l. M Tompkins. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.40, £7.80. DF: £8.60. CSF: £11.43. Tricast: £39.00.

8.00 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Lothian Captain (N Doughty, 7-4 fav); 2, Kirsty's Boy (2-1); 3, Polling (20-1). 10 ran. 3½l, 15l. G Richards. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.30, £4.50. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.75.

8.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Neesfield (A S Smith, 7-1); 2, Montagnard (11-10 fav); 3, Prince Ceva (14-1). 18 ran. NR: Our Hero, Great Mill. 15l, 8l. K Morgan. Tote: £7.10; £1.90, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £5.90. CSF: £14.66.

Placepot: £85.60.

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LINGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 First Stage.	2.00 Dr Maccarter.	2.30 Wave Hill.
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3.00 Calgary Redeye.	3.00 Calgary Redeye.	
3.30 Royal Acclaim.	3.30 Blackwaterfoot	
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4.30 Luna Bid.	4.30 Iksab.	
5.00 Mystic Crystal.	5.00 Collins Avenue.	
5.30 Regal Sabre.	5.30 Regal Sabre.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Iksab. 5.00 **MYSTIC CRYSTAL** (nap). 5.30 Rasan.

GOING: GOOD (TURF COURSE), STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER)
DRAW: 5F-7F 140YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTINS CLAIMING STAKES
(All-weather: Div I: £2,880: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

101	(5)	2006-10	ART FORM 41 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-7	T McLaughlin (7)	82
102	(6)	0419-53	REQUESTED 8 (F) (G Beccle) R Akehurst 4-9-7	T Quinn	80
103	(2)	2-12422	DR MACCARTER 48 (B,CD) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 4-9-2	Emma O'Gorman (5)	● 99
104	(9)	0430-00	LODGING 15 (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 4-8-13	L Dettori	73
105	(1)	231442	FIRST STAGE 11 (C) (A Reid) Dr J Scargill 4-8-10	B Crossley	81
106	(7)	1000-00	DAZLA 28 (S) (C T Racing) P Burgoyne 4-8-4	M Wigham	—
107	(8)		NORTHERN HALO 8J (N Moore) G Ham 10-8-4	A Dicks	—
108	(4)	0	OVERT 14J (G Chipman) B McMahon 6-8-2	S Sanders (7)	—
109	(3)	00-5020	MATOMANI 39 (Miss A Jones) D Murray-Smith 4-7-13	A Tucker (5)	75

BETTING: 11-8 Dr Maccarter, 7-2 Requested, 4-1 First Stage, 8-1 Art Form, 10-1 Lodging, 12-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ART FORM beat Beau Quest 2½l on penultimate start in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 6f). REQUESTED 5½l 3rd to easy winner Crack at Salisbury (1m 6f, good).
DR MACCARTER 1l 2nd to Lots Of Luck in a handicap over course and distance (AW). Similar effort when 1l 2nd to Monastery here (AW, 1m 2f) previously. FIRST STAGE 3l 2nd to Jokers Patch in a claimer at Wolverhampton (1m 4f 100yd, good to soft).
Selection: DR MACCARTER

2.30 R R RICHARDSON MAIDEN STAKES (Turf: 2-Y-O: £2,890: 5f) (9 runners)

201	(7)		HIGH BACCARAT (R Dutton-Forshaw) R Akehurst 9-0	J Reid	—
202	(2)		PADDY'S PASSION (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 9-0	N Adams	—
203	(6)		SANDCASTLE CITY (D Caruth) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	—
204	(3)		WAVE HILL (Mrs H Cambanis) H Cecil 9-0	W Ryan	—
205	(4)	04	WILCO 11 (Mrs V Greenwood) A Turnell 9-0	M Roberts	90
206	(1)	0	ALL'A BLAZE 46 (C Holmes) C Holmes 8-9	J Williams	—
207	(9)		LOUISA SCARLETT (J Robertson) G Lewis 8-9	Paul Eddery	—
208	(5)		LOVISTE BAY (Mrs A Rennie) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-9	S Whitworth	—
209	(8)	3	MEMSAHB 13 (The Sussex Stud Ltd) J Berry 8-9	W Carson	● 99

BETTING: 10-11 Wave Hill, 3-1 Memsahb, 6-1 Wilco, 8-1 High Baccarat, 10-1 Sandcastle City, 12-1 others.

1990: DANDY KIM 9-0 S Cauthen (5-1) K Brassey 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

MEMSAHB led until over 1f out when 3l 3rd to My Abbey at Ripon (5f, good to firm). HIGH BACCARAT (foaled Apr 10, cost 9,000gns) half-brother by Formidable to Sapphikine, won 3 races at 7f/1m. Dam 1m winner as a three-year-old.
PADDY'S PASSION (Jan 29) by Superlative, is second foal of 6f/1m winner as a juvenile and three-year-old.
SANDCASTLE CITY (Apr 5, 21,000gns) half-brother by Formidable to dual 5f juvenile winner Between The Sticks. Dam 6f winner as a three-year-old. WAVE HILL (Feb 24) by Sizzling Melody, is first foal of half-sister to a number of useful winners, including Tromos, Tyrnavos and Techypous.
Selection: MEMSAHB

3.00 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTINS CLAIMING STAKES
(All-weather: Div II: £2,880: 1m 4f) (8 runners)

301	(4)	310530	BANKROLL 35 (C,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-7	A Morris (5)	98
302	(7)		MYBELLA ANN 82J (P De Weck) J Akehurst 4-8-11	S Whitworth	—
303	(5)	114306-	CALGARY REDEYE 199 (B,C,D,F) (A Hollingworth) P Makin 4-8-10	T Sprake (5)	97
304	(6)	00202-0	GOLDEN DIVOT 28 (B) (Mrs J Frew) D Morrill 4-8-7	Paul Eddery	78
305	(1)	342-524	TIMID 38 (A Lomas) M Pipe 4-8-6	M Roberts	● 99
306	(8)	026145-	ABIGAIL'S DREAM 99J (C,F) (Mrs M Brooks) D Burchell 4-8-3	J Williams	97
307	(3)	2-60516	NOCTURNAL REVERIE 48 (CD) (R Quinn) T Naughton 4-8-3	D Holland (5)	89
308	(2)	46006-5	SONIC SIGNAL 46 (D,F,G) (M Haynes) M Haynes 5-8-0	R Fox	89

BETTING: 9-4 Timid, 3-1 Nocturnal Reverie, 4-1 Calgary Redeye, 6-1 Mybella Ann, 8-1 Abigail's Dream, 10-1 Sonic Signal, 12-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BANKROLL just over 1l 3rd to Lots Of Luck on penultimate start in a handicap over course and distance. TIMID 11½l 4th to Papal Legate in a maiden at Warwick (1m 2f 70yd, good).
ABIGAIL'S DREAM beat Evening Affair a head in a claimer at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good to firm) last August. NOCTURNAL REVERIE comfortably beat Russian Red 3l on penultimate start in a handicap over course and distance.
SONIC SIGNAL 3½l 5th to Sam The Men in a claimer at Folkestone (1m 2f, heavy).
Selection: BANKROLL

3.30 IAN MCCALL INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP
(Turf: £2,890: 7f 140yd) (20 runners)

401	(16)	33351-0	BOLD HABIT 8 (CD,F,G) (Miss J Chambers) W Pearce 5-10-0	G Husband (5)	85
402	(4)	062060-	HIGHEST PRAISE 268 (D,F,S) (Miss S Knight) D Morris 8-9-11	M Hills	83
403	(18)	051026	CROSBY 22 (CD,F,G,S) (R Balderson) P Kelleway 5-9-9	J Williams	87
404	(1)	430004	FOOLISH TOUCH 18 (D,F,G,S) W Musson 9-9-7	M Wigham	88
505	(2)	0/26-4	GREY AREA 8 (Mrs S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-4	J Marshall (7)	89
506	(13)	221008-	ROYAL ACCLAIM 181 (V,CD,F) (Mrs B Wilkinson) A Hide 6-9-4	K Rutter (7)	82
507	(7)	500-213	BLACKWATERFOOT 13 (BF,S) (Mrs P Fitzall) R Boss 4-9-3	L Dettori	89
508	(15)	0/6003-1	ON Y VA 11 (D,S) (T Hornett) R Williams 4-9-3 (7ex)	R Cochrane	84
509	(20)	50660-0	PREMIER PRINCE 11 (D,F,S) (J Boswell) L Cottrell 5-9-1	J Reid	84
510	(12)	330150	COX CREEK 38 (CD) (P Bonner) W O'Gorman 4-9-1	A Munro	90
511	(14)	/02400/	BAHRAIN BRIDGE 419J (F) (V Walsh) A Denson 6-9-0	T Quinn	—
512	(5)	060/0-00	BANANA CUFFLINKS 39 (V) (R Clifford-Turner) J Shaw 5-8-13	W Carson	—
513	(19)	025000	GOZONE 25 (Mrs A Upsdell) P Mitchell 4-8-9	B Doyle (5)	86
514	(6)	010103-	BILL MOON 199 (D,F) (P Felden) P Felden 5-8-6	D Holland (5)	80
515	(9)	404005	SAY YOU WILL 8 (V,CD,F,S) (G Noble) M Naughton 7-8-5	M Roberts	93
516	(3)	004-302	RUPPLES 23 (B) (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 4-8-5	G Carter	98
517	(10)	4-20460	SERGEANT MERYLL 11 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Irving) P Howling 7-8-4	N Adams	88
518	(11)	300000-	NAZARE BLUE 199 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs Barbara Waring 4-8-3	N Howe	84
519	(17)	052200-	NIGHT TRANSACTION 192 (A Hide) A Hide 4-8-2	Dale Gibson	● 99
520	(8)	326000	VITE VITE 13 (C,D,F) (E Robinson) D Morrill 5-8-2	Paul Eddery	96

BETTING: 4-1 Blackwaterfoot, 9-2 On Y Va, 6-1 Rupples, Crosby, 8-1 Foolish Touch, Banana Cufflinks, 10-1 Say You Will, Coc Creek, 12-1 others.

1990: ANNABELLE ROYALE 4-9-4 L Dettori (11-1) Mrs N Macauley 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CROSBY 6½l 6th to Nicholas at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). FOOLISH TOUCH 8l 4th to Good For The Roses at Hamilton (1m 40yd, good).
ROYAL ACCLAIM 6l 3rd of 20 to La Bamba at Yarmouth (7f, good). BLACKWATERFOOT 2l 3rd to Habeta at Ripon (1m, good to firm), with VITE VITE (6lb better off) 10l 9th. ON Y VA beat Bingo Bongo 2l at Wolverhampton (7f, soft). RUPPLES 2½l 2nd to Reine De Thebes in a seller at Pontefract (1m, good to firm).
Selection: RUPPLES (nap)

4.00 HOLIDAY CLUB PONTINS SELLING HANDICAP
(All-weather: £2,868: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

601	(6)	/4/0-62	AUCTION TIME 46 (CD,BF,S) (Mrs A Schwerien) J Akehurst 8-10-0	S Whitworth	87
602	(11)	000-004	VAIRAGYA 11 (B) (D Woods) A Hide 4-9-11	B Raymond	88
603	(14)	220-020	INTUITIVE JOE 13 (BF,F) (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 4-9-8	Paul Eddery	98
604	(7)	555000-	SWIFT SILVER 205 (Mrs J Musson) W Musson 4-9-7	M Wigham	80
605	(10)	230000	WIZZARD MAGIC 11 (V,C,D,F) (Miss Y Haynes) M Haynes 6-9-5	R Fox	96
606	(5)	3060-40	TIMES ARE HARD 4 (CD) (E Williams) D Burchell 7-9-2	J Williams	88
607	(6)	50-4005	MODEL NURSE 36 (G Freyne) C Nelson 4-9-1	J Reid	91
608	(13)	394034	HAND PAINTED 8 (Mrs M Baxter) J Pearce 7-9-1	D Holland (5)	94
609	(1)	112000-	FESTIVE FALCON 148 (D,F,G) (D Chivers) R Juckes 5-9-1	G Carter	● 99
610	(3)	005006-	DR ZEVA 193 (CD,F) (G Butterfield) J Jenkins 5-9-0	L Dettori	95
611	(4)	00/00/0	CHIMES OF THE DAWN 37 (F) (D Burchell) D Burchell 7-9-0	J Hunter (7)	—
612	(2)	6652/0-0	BUILDMARK 51 (G Emery) W Turner 5-8-11	A Munro	—
613	(12)	0030-00	TARANGA 11 (F,G,S) (S Squires) J White 8-8-10	S Keightley	80
614	(8)	0-1	SWEET BUBBLES 34 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-8	N Adams	90

BETTING: 5-2 Sweet Bubbles, 7-2 Intuitive Joe, 9-2 Festive Falcon, 6-1 Times Are Hard, 8-1 Model Nurse, Vairagya, 10-1 others.

1990: BRONZE RUNNER 6-8-4 S Whitworth (9-2) E Wheeler 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUCTION TIME 2l 2nd to Sam The Man at Folkestone (1m 2f, heavy). VAIRAGYA 11¼l 4th of 17 to Unassuming at Pontefract (1m 4f, firm). INTUITIVE JOE ¾l 2nd to Musical Note at Folkestone (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start.
TIMES ARE HARD 3¼l 4th to Petavious on reappearance at Kempton (1m 1f, soft), with WIZZARD MAGIC (6lb worse off) 5¾l 7th. HAND PAINTED 2l 4th to Premier Dance over course and distance in March, with AUCTION TIME (2lb better off) 3½l 6th and WIZZARD MAGIC (2lb better off) 11½l 10th. Previously 3l 4th to Miss Sarajane at Southwell (AW, 1m), with MODEL NURSE (2lb better off) 15l 11th. SWEET BUBBLES beat Hot Sunday Sport 2½l on reappearance, here (AW, 1m 4f).
Selection: SWEET BUBBLES

4.30 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR TAXI INSURANCE HANDICAP
(Turf: £3,882: 6f) (13 runners)

1	(5)	01-1114	TOSHIBA COMET 70 (B,CD,G,S) (P Judd) W Pearce 4-10-0	G Husband (5)	96
2	(7)	104030-	FARFELU 193 (C,D,F) (J O'Malley) W Muir 4-9-12	S Whitworth	90
3	(10)	1030-02	IKSAB 16 (D,F,S) (A Foustok) R Boss 4-9-9	L Dettori	97
4	(9)	210600	RESPECTABLE JONES 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Weinstein) G Balding 5-9-9	J Williams	98
5	(11)	20055-0	SHIKARI'S SON 16 (F) (A Spargo Ltd) J White 4-9-5	S Keightley	92
6	(2)	44-0100	FARMER JOCK 16 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-3	M Roberts	● 99
7	(3)	000-053	LUNA BID 8 (D,F,G,S) (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 8-9-2	J Reid	96
8	(4)	1060-36	WANDA 16 (G) (E Mangan) K Burke 4-9-1	A Shoults	85
9	(6)	010-221	CRONK'S COURAGE 16 (D,B,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 5-9-0	Paul Eddery	97
10	(13)	5000-40	ACROSS THE BAY 16 (F) (J Redmond) S Dow 4-8-13	T Quinn	94
11	(12)	541120	HINARI VIDEO 14 (C,D,G,S) M Johnston 6-8-12	W R Swinburn	96
12	(8)	450-100	HARRY'S COMING 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Wetherall) R Hodges 7-8-10	W Carson	96
13	(1)	10/06-40	MIDSUMMER BREEZE 27 (F) (R Baker) J Baker 4-8-7	N Adams	94

BETTING: 9-4 Iksab, 3-1 Luna Bid, 4-1 Cronk's Courage, 6-1 Toshiba Comet, 8-1 Hinari Video, 10-1 Farmer Jock, 12-1 Respectable Jones, Harry's Coming, 14-1 Wanda, 16-1 others.

1990: AMIGO MENOR 4-9-0 S Whitworth (7-1) K Brassey 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOSHIBA COMET completed treble when beating Set Aside 2½l at Southwell (AW, 6f). Last time out, 4½l 4th of 5 to Silly's Brother over the same course and distance.
FARMER JOCK beat CRONK'S COURAGE (2lb better off) 4l at Kempton (6f, good to soft), with RESPECTABLE JONES (12lb better off) 7l 7th and IKSAB (9lb better off) 18th. LUNA BID 2l 3rd of 19 to Baysham at Salisbury (6f, good). CRONK'S COURAGE beat IKSAB (1lb better off) a neck at Kempton (6f, good to firm), with LUNA BID (3lb better off) 1l 5th, FARMER JOCK (4lb better off) 2l 8th, RESPECTABLE JONES (6lb better off) 1¾l 10th and SHIKARI'S SON (5lb better off) 11½l last of 22. HINARI VIDEO 1½l 2nd to Eager Deva at Beverley (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with WANDA (3lb better off) 1½l 3rd and FARMER JOCK (5lb better off) 4½l 10th. HARRY'S COMING beat Rambo Express 2½l at Warwick (5f, good) on reappearance.
Selection: TOSHIBA COMET

5.00 SEEBOARD STAKES (All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,820: 1m 4f) (4 runners)

1	(3)	2-11	COLLINS AVENUE 28 (S) (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-1	M Hills	92
2	(1)	2-14	FLY AWAY SOON 17 (BF,G) (J Gutkin) P Cole 9-1	T Quinn	● 99
3	(4)	01004-5	MADAGANS GREY 23 (F,G) (Madagans Plc) R Boss 9-1	L Dettori	84
4	(2)	4U211-2	MYSTIC CRYSTAL 7 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-8	—	91

BETTING: 5-4 Collins Avenue, 5-2 Fly Away Soon, 7-2 Mystic Crystal, 8-1 Madagans Grey.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

COLLINS AVENUE beat Good Profile 3l at Doncaster (1m, soft) on reappearance. Last time out, beat Malibu Magic 1½l at Ayr (1m, good to soft), with MADAGAN'S GREY (5lb better off) 12½l last of the 5 runners.
FLY AWAY SOON beat Love Talk 12l at Kempton (1m 2f, good) on reappearance, and was 18l 4th of 5 to Peking Opera in listed Warren Stakes at Kempton (1m 4f, good). MYSTICAL CRYSTAL beat Green's Sago ½l at Southwell (AW, 7f) on final start last season, and was a neck 2nd to Domicksky in an 11-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good) on reappearance.
Selection: COLLINS AVENUE

5.30 TAXINEWS STAKES (Turf: £3,054: 7f) (8 runners)

1	(5)	000-000	DEEP REEF 27 (B,S) (Mrs M Rowe) J Baker 5-9-10	N Adams	—
2	(4)	11011-0	RASAN 13 (CD,F) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-9-10	W Carson	93
3	(6)	25620-0	APPLEDORN 13 (D,B,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 4-9-5	L Dettori	94
4	(1)	4613-4	SUSURRATION 35 (S) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 4-9-5	W R Swinburn	86
5	(8)		ALCHEMIC 39J (Mrs J Howell) M Robinson 7-9-3	A Tucker (5)	—
6	(2)	00-0000	CHAFF 8 (Mrs M Lisel) D Morris 4-9-3	M Tebbutt	—
7	(7)	3143-22	REGAL SABRE 9 (F) (A Budge (Equine) Limited) R Hannon 3-8-12	B Raymond	● 99
8	(3)	312630-	ALMASA 230 (C,F,G) (M Nasher) J Fox 3-8-7	J Williams	80

BETTING: 5-4 Regal Sabre, 3-1 Rasan, 4-1 Susurration, 8-1 Appledorn, 10-1 Alchemic, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RASAN beat Sign People 7l here (7f 140yd, firm) on last season, and was 18l 9th of 15 to Rami at Leicester (7f, good) two weeks ago, with APPLEDORN (same terms) 14l 13th.
SUSURRATION 1½l 3rd to Evening Kiss in group III race at San Siro (1m, soft) in November, and was 10l 4th to Noble Patriarch at Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft) last month. REGAL SABRE 7l 2nd to Perpendicular at Ascot (1m 2f, soft). Previously a neck 2nd to Half A Tick at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to firm). ALMASA 8¼l 3rd to Lee Artiste at Salisbury (6f, firm) last season.
Selection: *SUSURRATION*

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	27	65	41.5	L Dettori	23	76	30.3
R Boss	19	66	28.8	G Husband	5	17	29.4
W Pearce	6	22	27.3	K Rutter	5	21	23.8
B Hills	24	91	26.4	Emma O'Gorman	9	40	22.5
J Gosden	6	23	26.1	M Hills	19	107	17.8
W O'Gorman	17	66	25.8	W Carson	39	229	17.0

Dunwoody gets surprise suspension

RICHARD Dunwoody's hopes of winning the National Hunt jockeys' title were effectively scuppered yesterday when he received a surprise five-day ban (Richard Evans writes).

The suspension, starting next Tuesday, was imposed by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee at the end of an appeal hearing involving the Cheddington Handicap Chase at Wincanton on April 25. Came Down, trained by Ron Hodges and ridden by Dunwoody, beat Kilbrittain Castle by two-and-a-half lengths but only kept the race after a lengthy enquiry.

Cath Walwyn, trainer of Kilbrittain Castle, lodged an appeal and the disciplinary committee concluded that Came Down had interfered with Kilbrittain Castle due to careless riding by Dunwoody. Apart from the ban, Dunwoody also loses the race.

BEVERLEY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Palacegate Gold.	2.15 Peniscola Star.
2.45 Golden.	2.45 Lafkadio.
3.15 TERNIMUS (nap).	3.15 Ternimus.
3.45 Beija Flor.	3.45 Beija Flor.
4.15 Blue Grit.	4.15 Albert.
4.45 Banham College.	4.45 Friendly Song.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 LUND SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,933: 5f) (18 runners)

1	(6)	4132	PENISCOLA STAR 13 (CD,F) (A White) R Hollinshead 8-13	G Hind (3)	● 99
2	(16)	0	FARHOLME LADS 13 (C Kershaw) C Tinkler 8-11	J Quinn	—
3	(8)	00	GARDENBLAKE 11 (P O'Donnell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11	W Newnes	—
4	(18)		MAROWINS (Whitehills Racing Syndicate) M O'Neill 8-11	J Fortune	—
5	(14)		PALACEGATE GOLD (Palacegate Corporation Ltd) J Berry 8-11	J Murray	—
6	(1)		PRINCE ALI (Mrs J Stapleton) B Ellison 8-11	W Hood	85
7	(10)		ADENSO (M Easterby) M H Easterby 8-6	J Lowe	—
8	(13)	53	DAILY SPORT GIRL 18 (Roldvale Ltd) N Callaghan 8-6	—	93
9	(15)		DEIGHTON LASS (Mrs P Mallen) M Dods 8-6	R Lappin	—
10	(7)	0	EAU D'ESPOIR 11 (Group 1 Racing (1989) Ltd) J Spearing 8-6	—	—
11	(11)	0	GREETLAND FOLLY 13 (J Wilkins) R Whitaker 8-6	A Culhane	89
12	(17)	04	HAXBY LASS 28 (D Pike) M Brittain 8-6	T Williams	86
13	(12)	05	LADY RUNFAST 25 (D Blake) T Fairhurst 8-6	J Fanning (5)	75
14	(2)	520	ORCHARD BAY 11 (P Ward) W Pearce 8-6	D Nicholls	95
15	(3)	00	RELATIVELY RISKY 13 (G Turner) M W Easterby 8-6	—	—
16	(9)		ROWAN GREY (Mrs J Addleshaw) A Smith 8-6	—	—
17	(5)	0	RYTHMIC STYLE 28 (Mrs A Shaw) T Barron 8-6	Alex Greaves (3)	—
18	(4)		TUDOR GOLD (D Metcalf) J Norton 8-6	N Kennedy (5)	—

BETTING: 15-8 Palacegate Gold, 7-2 Greetland Folly, 11-2 Peniscola Star, 8-1 Adenso, Haxby Lass, 10-1 Daily Sport Girl, Marowins, Orchard Bay, 12-1 Farholme Lads, 20-1 others.

1990: MINIZEN MUSIC 8-11 P Sedgwick (20-1) M Brittain 15 ran

2.45 SETTRINGTON HANDICAP (£3,245: 2m 40yd) (9 runners)

1	(6)	4330-20	PETITE ROSANNA 14 (F,G) (T Mills) W Carter 5-10-0	T Williams	97
2	(5)	13652-0	GOLDEN 13 (F) (R Bradley) C W Essey 4-8-13	C Dwyer	89
3	(8)	5256-04	AMBUSCADE 13 (B) (Mrs L Firth) G Moore 5-8-11	W Newnes	93
4	(3)	322222	BEAU QUEST 25 (B,F) (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 4-8-9	G Hind (3)	95
5	(1)	6/0-P2	MARLINGFORD 7 (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 4-8-4	A Culhane	88
6	(2)	523431	LAFKADIO 11 (F) (Black Diamond Racing Plc) M Chapman 4-7-10 (5ex)	N Kennedy (5)	● 99
7	(4)	U0-0606	PAS DE REEF 4 (C,F,G) (N Askey) M Brittain 4-7-7	D Wright (7)	83
8	(7)	06-6301	COST EFFECTIVE 4 (D,F) (Miss D Woods) M Brittain 4-7-7 (5ex)	J Lowe	89
9	(9)	620/0	BARCHAM PRINCE 27 (F) (M Taylor) T Kersey 9-7-7	J Quinn	—

Long handicap: Pas De Reef 7-0, Cost Effective 6-13, Barcham Prince 6-4.

BETTING: 15-8 Petite Rosanna, 7-2 Lafkadio, 9-2 Beau Quest, 6-1 Ambuscade, 8-1 Golden, 10-1 Pas De Reef, 12-1 others.

1990: AUTHORSHIP 4-8-1 J Lowe (5-2) W Musson 8 ran

3.15 RISBY HANDICAP (£4,012: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1	(2)	00528-0	TERNIMUS 20 (CD,F) (J Goodman) F Lee 4-9-10	D Nicholls	91
2	(12)	0/12-242	COME TO TERMS 6 (CD,BF,F) (Mrs S Hutchinson) T Barron 5-9-6	Alex Greaves (3)	97
3	(7)	60600-0	DUGGAN 13 (D,F,G) (T Hornett) R Williams 4-8-12	W Newnes	97
4	(11)	2840-04	THIMBALINA 31 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hartley) S Norton 5-8-6	O Pears (7)	98
5	(3)	25226-5	MISS RELSUN 15 (C,F) (Mrs V Robson) C Thornton 7-8-1	J Quinn	96
6	(4)	66613-0	TONGADIN 44 (CD,F,G,S) (G Linder) M O'Neill 5-7-13	J Fortune	92
7	(6)	0/05-6	AMOOD POINT 25 (Mrs E Ambrose) J Etherington 4-7-12	J Lowe	● 99
8	(5)	0-40312	GUEST RIGHT 20 (D,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-7-12	NON-RUNNER	—
9	(8)	631363-	CHANTRY BARTLE 197J (D,BF,F) (Mrs J Kirk Scott) C Thornton 5-7-7	J Fanning (5)	88
10	(10)	00-0000	YARRA GLEN 18 (Mrs E Bass) M Muggeridge 4-7-7	N Kennedy (5)	—
11	(1)	66-3330	NIPOTINA 18 (F) (G Farndon) R Hollinshead 5-7-7	A Garth (7)	86
12	(9)	40350-0	KING WILLIAM 15J (CD,F) (Group 1 Racing (1991) Ltd) J Spearing 6-7-7	G Hind (3)	93

Long handicap: Yarra Glen 7-5, Nipotina 7-2, King William 7-0.

BETTING: 11-4 Come To Terms, 7-2 Miss Relsun, 6-1 Ternimus, 8-1 Tongadin, Duggan, 10-1 Thimbalina, 12-1 others.

1990: TONGADIN 4-8-8 J Fortune (16-1) M O'Neill 13 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	23	45	51.1	J Fortune	9	58	15.5
M O'Neill	4	20	20.0	Alex Greaves	3	22	13.6
R Williams	4	25	16.0	N Kennedy	3	22	13.6
C Thornton	10	70	14.3	A Culhane	13	129	10.1
T Barron	14	115	12.2	T Williams	4	47	8.5
F Lee	7	58	12.1				

Only qualifiers

3.45 EVERINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (£2,651: 1m 100yd) (8 runners)

1	(8)	4	BEIJA FLOR 15 (C St. George) H Cecil 4-9-7	A McGlone	● 99
2	(5)	6	JAEGER 22 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-7	G Hind (3)	80
3	(4)	0	RHY-BYE 22 (H Chey) R Woodhouse 4-9-7	J Quinn	—
4	(2)	060	NORTHENDERLEY 70 (A Cox & Sons) J Leigh 4-9-2	A Culhane	—
5	(3)	U0	CANNON'S VISION 4 (T Cannon) M Brittain 3-8-8	P Sedgwick	—
6	(7)	50350-0	DR BILL 20 (T Bennett) M H Easterby 3-8-8	J Lowe	91
7	(1)	53	GOLDEN CHIP 13 (A Jackson) A Stringer 3-8-8	D Nicholls	98
8	(6)	0-P0	HANNAH BROWN 27 (H) (T Joyce) H Whiting 3-8-3	T Williams	—

BETTING: 4-5 Beija Flor, 9-4 Jaeger, 8-1 Golden Chip, 10-1 Dr Bill, 14-1 others.

1990: SONG OF KINGS 3-8-6 W R Swinburn (1-10 fav) M Stoute 7 ran

4.15 HUMBERSIDE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,608: 1m 100yd) (8 runners)

1	(6)	110050-	STELBY 214 (F) (Northumbria Leisure Ltd) O Brennan 7-9-11	C Baker (7)	90
2	(8)	05000-0	ALBERT 13 (S) (G Reed) C Thornton 4-9-3	J Fanning	● 99
3	(7)	3/0100-0	FORD KING 44 (F) (Ford Asphalt) M O'Neill 4-9-1	J McKeon (7)	90
4	(4)	06-5033	CLASSIC SUITE 23 (D,F,S) (G Farndon) R Woodhouse 5-8-12	G Hind	97
5	(1)	34/00-06	JUST JEAN 11 (B) (Mrs J Robinson) H Whiting 4-8-5	G Milligan (7)	80
6	(3)	000021	BLUE GRIT 8 (B,F) (C Wilson) M Dods 5-8-5 (5ex)	Alex Greaves	98
7	(2)	633006	MR CHEEKYCHOPS 25 (C,G) (M M Racing Ltd) M Brittain 4-8-2	D Wright (7)	92
8	(5)	23454-0	COUNT BERTRAND 94 (D,F) (Serological Ltd) W Holden 10-8-1	B Russell (7)	96

BETTING: 9-4 Blue Grit, 7-2 Ford King, 5-1 Albert, 7-1 Classic Suite, 8-1 Count Bertrand, Mr Cheekychops, 10-1 Stelby, Just Jean.

1990: HONEY BOY SIMBA 4-8-7 M O'Reilly (5-2 jt-fav) M O'Neill 8 ran

4.45 HOUGHTON MAIDEN STAKES (£2,716: 5f) (13 runners)

1	(3)	200-350	BANHAM COLLEGE 8 (J Smith) B McMahon 5-9-10	G Hind (3)	83
2	(2)	300440-	ORATEL FLYER 148 (V) (P Hughes Ltd) R Thompson 4-9-10	R Perham (5)	88
3	(13)	020/	KIVETON KOMET 556 (BF) (Mark Johnston Racing Ltd) M Johnston 4-9-5	D Biggs (5)	—
4	(4)	60/00-00	MOST OF ALL 26 (H Rushworth) T Kersey 5-9-5	N Kennedy (5)	—
5	(8)	605	GENERAL JO 6 (P McMahon) Mrs J Jordan 3-9-0	W Newnes	94
6	(1)	24	MAJOR MOUSE 8 (N Barber) W Haigh 3-9-0	J Carr	95
7	(10)	0-000	TELSTEAM 10 (T Mills) W Carter 3-9-0	T Williams	—
8	(11)	00-	DEVA'S GEM 221 (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 3-8-9	E Husband (7)	—
9	(7)		FRIENDLY SONG (T Fairhurst) T Fairhurst 3-8-9	J Fanning (5)	—
10	(5)	33450-0	LATIN MASS 18 (J Fermor-Hesketh) J Berry 3-8-9	J Murray	89
11	(6)	4340-3	ORIENTAL MUSIC 6 (K Franco) J Etherington 3-8-9	J Lowe	● 99
12	(9)	05	PENNY HASSET 11 (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 3-8-9	J Quinn	88
13	(12)	0-	PRIMA CAVALLA 268 (Havenwood Con's Ltd) C Tinkler 3-8-9	D Nicholls	—

BETTING: 7-4 Penny Hasset, 4-1 Oriental Music, 6-1 Major Mouse, 8-1 General Jo, Latin Mass, 10-1 Deva's Gem, 14-1 Banham College, Oratel Flyer, 16-1 others.

1990: RANCHO MIRAGE 3-9-0 D McKeown (4-7 fav) J Watts 11 ran

Munro lands Salman job

ALAN Munro has landed the plum job as first jockey to Prince Fahd Bin Salman, a leading member of Saudi Arabia's royal family. He leaves Bill O'Gorman immediately and takes his first ride for his new employer tomorrow when replacing Richard Quinn on Ausherra in the Marley Roof Tile Oaks Trial at Lingfield.

Munro, aged 24, now joins an elite band of jockeys retained by wealthy Middle Eastern owners with powerful strings in this country. Paul Cole has charge of the majority of the prince's 60 horses with Michael Bell, Henry Candy, Willie Jarvis and Mark Prescott sharing the remainder.

Munro joined O'Gorman's Newmarket yard last year and the partnership enjoyed a marvellous season, highlighted by the successes of Mac's Imp and Timeless Times. Out of action for three months following a fall at Redcar last October when closing in on his first century, Munro has bounced back with 19 winners this year.

"I am sad to be leaving Bill, but I am thrilled by the new job and looking forward to the challenge," Munro said. "It's the chance of a lifetime."

The prince's dark green colours are a familiar sight in the big races and have been carried by such top-notch performers as Ibn Bey, Knight's Baroness, Bint Pasha, Sarab, Zoman and Generous, fourth in last weekend's 2,000 Guineas.

Quinn's position had looked in peril three years ago after he lost his whip riding Insan in the Irish Derby, won narrowly by Kahyasi. For some time afterwards, Quinn was substituted on the Salman horses. But he weathered the storm and last season partnered the owner's first classic winners, Knight's Baroness in the Irish Oaks and Ibn Bey in the Irish St Leger.

"It's been in the back of the owner's mind for some time that he wanted to retain someone to ride all his horses, but I was unable to do that for him," Quinn said. "I've been riding for him for ten years and have had a good run."

Quinn will stay as Cole's stable jockey and continue to ride for the prince when Munro is not available. Munro's move leaves the way open for Tony Ives to rejoin O'Gorman after failing to get a renewal of his Hong Kong licence.

Ramprakash has correct answers to most questions

By JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 140 runs behind Middlesex

MARK Ramprakash is on the edge of the England team and he did his prospects no harm yesterday in scoring a mature and thoughtful 65 in little short of four hours. With Paul Downton, he came to the rescue of an ailing Middlesex innings which had lurched to 98 for four before they came together, and which they saw to relative prosperity in the face of lively and accurate bowling by Pigott.

Pigott's five wickets for 37 from 19 overs embraced a spell of sixteen balls in which he claimed his last three wickets for eight runs – a spell which ensured that Middlesex, having half wriggled off the hook, are by no means free.

Nor, thanks largely to Smith, have Sussex surrendered the advantage gained after asking the champions to bat first. The promising Headley has accounted for Hall, and Greenfield was needlessly run out; but Smith's bat looks ominously broad.

Before Brown joined Ramprakash in a stand of 53, Middlesex had tended to bat like millionaires, even against Pigott who was moving the ball through the air and off the seam at a lively pace. Hutchinson went in Pigott's first over, playing somewhat loosely away from his body; Roseberry was mounting something of a charge when he played on to Jones; and Pigott's movement away from the bat accounted for Gatting, Salisbury juggling and holding on at third slip.

At 45 for three Middlesex were glad of the watchfulness of Brown against the lateral movement of Pigott and North. Ramprakash had also clearly taken note of the need for caution. It is some indication of his measured approach, interspersed by moments of violence, that by lunch he had battled for 75 minutes, had made 26 and had played only ten scoring strokes, among them five boundaries.

By then we had seen the prime ministerial combination of North and Salisbury in action. Salisbury bowled tidily; North had Brown leg-before in attempting to play a long half-volley through mid-wicket. That was Brown's one lapse of concentration. Fortunately, it did not prove disastrous, for in came Downton to remind us that he had opened the batting for England. As he dropped anchor, the most fruitful partnership of the innings was born.

Nothing in Ramprakash's innings prepared you for the manner of its ending. He ventured an uncharacteristic slash at a wide, lifting ball from Giddins, a young man from Eastbourne who thus claimed his first first-class wicket. By then, Ramprakash and Downton had added 85 runs and respectability lay around the corner.

Downton ensured that this was just about achieved. Emburey lurked and nudged along for thirteen overs while Downton accumulated steadily. Downton survived one straightforward chance to Moores, standing back, but his undefeated half-century, achieved with negligible help from the tail, was richly deserved.

Lawrence wins long battle

By IVO TENNANT

BRISTOL: (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 296 runs behind Hampshire

FEW batsmen can relish the chance to bat all day as Chris Smith does. His fifth century of the season in all cricket did not quite last three sessions, but as near as made little difference. This in the face of some splendidly hostile fast bowling by David Lawrence, who finished with six for 77.

Already this season Smith has taken a double-century off Oxford University and made three centuries in one-day matches. As for four-day cricket, it could have been invented for him. His capacity to concentrate while wickets fall about him remains unimpaired.

Put in on a pitch that was still damp after rain earlier in the week, Hampshire initially looked to put bat to ball. The first ten overs realised 41 runs before Lawrence had Terry taken at gully. Gower made 14 rapidly and enchantingly before swishing at Babington without moving his feet.

So the events of the day could be said to have been predictable. Smith, now partnered by his brother, ground on. It was not that he did not catch the eye. When Lloyds came on, there was no question of not late cutting before May was out. The faster bowlers were square cut remorselessly.

Robin Smith batted convincingly enough in his first innings of the season after his hernia operation. If he was not supposed to have played for another two weeks, this did not show. Babington was crashed through the covers and savagely pulled through mid-wicket.

Just before lunch he attempted to force Lawrence through the off side and played on. This was fast bowling without recourse to anything that was excessively short. After lunch and charging in with even more vigour, Lawrence had Nicholas smartly taken at second slip and James leg before, beaten for considerable pace.

By the time Aymes was bowled by Gilbert, Chris Smith was much in need of someone to prop up an end. He found just such a partner in Maru, who has made runs against Gloucestershire in his time. His career-best score was 74 against them three years ago.

When Maru was out, brilliantly caught by Russell, he was only 17 short of that. The seventh-wicket pair had added 126 in 43 overs. Smith finally went to Lawrence, having batted for 387 minutes and hit 16 fours.

Late rally denies Yorkshire

By RICHARD STREETON

HEADINGLEY (first day of four, Warwickshire won toss): Yorkshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 262 runs behind Warwickshire

INVALUABLE runs by the last two Warwickshire wickets, which added 101 between them, thwarted the Yorkshire attack after they looked to have taken control yesterday. Gladstone Small, whose 58 included two huge sixes against Carrick, led the unexpected late resistance.

After some undistinguished batting early on, Warwickshire were 132 for six in mid-afternoon, scarcely a start in a four-day game. Everyone in the late order contributed before Small finally added 63 for the ninth wicket with Munton and 38 for the tenth with Donald.

It tended to confirm that the Yorkshire bowling was by no means lethal on a placid, straw-coloured pitch. Fletcher, who is not guaranteed a regular place, looked the best of a Yorkshire attack which must have been thoroughly irritated by their opponents' closing rally.

Back injuries prevented both Jarvis and Asif Din from playing. It was a moot point which of these two was missed most. Initially, Warwickshire could have done with Asif Din. He has been a consistent scorer and, when Moles was out without scoring, it left Lloyd carrying a heavy responsibility. Later, it was hard to envisage the Warwickshire tailenders contributing the runs that they did if Jarvis had been available.

For a time, Lloyd responded well to the challenge he faced. Ratcliffe fell to a brilliant left-handed catch in the gully by Phil Robinson, but Lloyd and Paul Smith settled into a promising stand.

Immediately after lunch, though, Lloyd drove loosely against Mark Robinson and was caught at second slip. Smith was leg-before playing across the line and Reeve turned a catch to short mid-wicket. Piper was bowled by one that kept lower than most and Fletcher had taken four for 39 in his first 17 overs.

The late resistance began with Ostler and the left-handed Booth. Ostler unfurled several neat strokes past mid-on and Booth seemed in no trouble until both were out in rapid succession. Booth was run out after a mix-up and Ostler edged a catch behind. Small and Munton were together for thirty overs before Munton was yorked by Moxon. Small eventually edged a catch to slip.

Pringle's spell is a timely reminder

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

WHILE one former England all-rounder was pressing his claims for a recall to the colours at Worcester, another, Derek Pringle, of **Essex**, gave a reminder of his quality as he changed the course of his game at Northampton.

Pringle dismissed four Test players – Bailey, Lamb, Capel and Larkins – during an incisive spell of 41 balls that brought him five wickets for 34 runs as **Northamptonshire**, who had been sitting pretty at 148 for one, subsided to 221 for six.

Even Botham might have been unable to rescue **Worcestershire** against **Lancashire** had Graeme Hick not stood firm when the quick bowlers were on the rampage. Hick made a valuable 57 and the recovery was consolidated by the wicketkeeper, Rhodes, another on the England short-list.

Leicestershire lost seven wickets for 95 but rallied to reach 220 at Trent Bridge. Millns, who has a career batting average of four, and Maguire, who averages less than ten, put on 65 for the last wicket. **Nottinghamshire**, for whom Kevin Evans took five for 52, a career-best, are 133 for four.

Hugh Morris grafted valiantly for **Glamorgan** at Taunton, needing six minutes short of six hours for his century, in which ten fours came at lengthy intervals. He was 108 not out at the end of the day when Glamorgan were 269 for six.

It was slow going too at the Oval where **Kent**, against a weakened Surrey attack, were restricted to 231 for five in 100 overs. Benson reached 96 before he was bowled by Murphy.

John Morris hit eight sixes in his 131 for **Derbyshire** at Fenner's before leaving the students at the mercy of Azharuddin's more wristy skills.

IAN STEWART

On the move: Hick sets off after finding a gap in the field at Worcester yesterday

The Kent bowlers get short straw

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

WORCESTERSHIRE'S quest for their first knockout cup, a remarkable omission on their honours board, received a significant boost yesterday with the draw they would have chosen for themselves in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals.

Kent, who slipped through to the last eight from the weakest of the four groups, must travel to New Road on May 29. Their bowlers, at least, can hardly be relishing the prospect.

In the season's first Sunday league game, Kent's attack was taken for 160 in 111 balls by Tom Moody, the sort of destructive batting he has begun to make a habit of in one-day cricket.

If Moody should fail, there is always Hick, who should come to the quarter-final fresh from his England debut. All in all, Kent are not exactly overpriced – Corals offer them at 33-1 for the cup – and Worcestershire, favourites at 2-1, should be the home bankers of the round.

The most intriguing tie is at Chelmsford. Hampshire are the visitors and, daunting though any trip to Essex may be, Mark Nicholas's side may feel more confident than most, having won three out of four cup matches on the ground since 1987. They are capable of anything, including the horror of 50 all out, achieved only last Saturday.

Another team of extreme tendencies, Northamptonshire, must go to Old Trafford for a repeat of last season's NatWest Trophy final, while one outsider is guaranteed a semi-final place through the pairing of Yorkshire and Warwickshire at Headingley.

Warwickshire's final group win was by one run at the Oval on Tuesday, a match which Surrey sacrificed in a frenetic attempt to make 185 in 23.2 overs. At Northampton, meanwhile, Phil Neale was supervising Worcestershire's pedantic progress to 161, with no thought of trying to win at all.

Both curiosities were created by the run-rate rule designed as a tie-break in the group stages, and while the cricket of the teams involved was both legitimate and tactically sound, the uninformed spectators must have been bemused.

Certain counties are intent on raising the issue at next week's special meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board and at least one, Gloucestershire, will also propose that the competition begins later in the season to attract bigger crowds and allow more first-class cricket in April and May.

DRAW

QUARTER FINALS: Lancashire v Northamptonshire; Essex v Hampshire; Yorkshire v Warwickshire; Worcestershire v Kent. Matches to be played on May 29

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Gloucs v Hants

BRISTOL (*Gloucestershire won toss*): *Gloucestershire, with ten first-innings wickets in hand, are 296 runs behind Hampshire*

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Wright b Lawrence	18
C L Smith b Lawrence	125
D I Gower c Russell b Babington	14
R A Smith b Lawrence	31
*M C J Nicholas c Athey b Lawrence	9
K D James lbw b Lawrence	3
†A N Aymes b Gilbert	17
R J Maru c Russell b Lawrence	61
C A Connor b Gilbert	1
P J Bakker b Gilbert	0
Aqib Javed not out	4
Extras (b 4, lb 7, w 2, nb 4)	17
Total	300

Score after 100 overs: 282-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-57, 3-117, 4-132, 5-137, 6-169, 7-295, 8-296, 9-296.

BOWLING: Gilbert 24.4-6-57-3; Lawrence 25-4-77-6; Babington 19-1-70-1; Smith 21-7-50-0; Lloyds 9-2-15-0; Scott 4-1-17-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson not out	4
R J Scott not out	0
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 1 over)	4

*A J Wright, C W J Athey, M W Alleyne, J W Lloyds, †R C Russell, D V Lawrence, D R Gilbert, M A Smith and A M Babington to bat.

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 2, Hampshire 3.

Umpires: D J Constant and B J Meyer.

Yorks v Warwicks

HEADINGLEY (*Warwickshire won toss*): *Yorkshire, with ten first-innings wickets in hand, are 262 runs behind Warwickshire*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Blakey b Hartley	0
J D Ratcliffe c P E Robinson b Fletcher	13
*T A Lloyd c Byas b M A Robinson	56
P A Smith lbw b Fletcher	38
D A Reeve c Kellett b Fletcher	5
D P Ostler c Blakey b Hartley	28
†K J Piper b Fletcher	8
P A Booth run out	10
G C Small c Moxon b Hartley	58
T M Munton b Moxon	31
A A Donald not out	11
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 2, nb 4)	10
Total	268

Score after 100 overs: 251-9.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-50, 3-101, 4-119, 5-122, 6-132, 7-161, 8-167, 9-230.

BOWLING: Hartley 24.1-9-47-3; M A Robinson 18-6-40-1; Pickles 18-2-59-0; Fletcher 28-8-70-4; Carrick 9-1-31-0; Moxon 7-1-17-1.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

*M D Moxon not out	5
A A Metcalfe not out	1
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 2 overs)	6

D Byas, †R J Blakey, P E Robinson, S A Kellett, P J Hartley, C S Pickles, P Carrick, S D Fletcher and M A Robinson to bat.

Bonus points: Yorkshire 4, Warwickshire 3.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White.

Worcs v Lancs

WORCESTER (*Worcestershire won toss*): *Worcestershire have scored 309 runs for eight wickets against Lancashire*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G J Lord c Hegg b DeFreitas	12
T S Curtis c Fairbrother b Watkinson	15
G A Hick lbw b DeFreitas	57
T M Moody lbw b Watkinson	0
*P A Neale lbw b Allott	4
I T Botham c Lloyd b Akram	104
†S J Rhodes not out	62
R K Illingworth c Hegg b Allott	34
P J Newport c Fairbrother b Allott	5
C M Tolley not out	9
Extras (b 1, lb 6)	7
Total (8 wkts)	309

Score after 100 overs: 231-6.

G R Dilley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-36, 3-36, 4-44, 5-150, 6-221, 7-291, 8-297.

LANCASHIRE: G Fowler, G D Mendis, M A Atherton, *N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, G Yates and P J W Allott to bat.

Bonus points: Worcestershire 3, Lancashire 2.

Umpires: B Hassan and P B Wight.

Surrey v Kent

THE OVAL (*Kent won toss*): *Kent have scored 249 runs for five wickets against Surrey*

KENT: First Innings

*M R Benson b Murphy	96
N R Taylor lbw b M P Bicknell	8
T R Ward c Sargeant b Robson	17
G R Cowdrey b Murphy	58
C S Cowdrey c Medlycott b Murphy	13
R M Ellison not out	21
R P Davis not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 15, w 1, nb 5)	22
Total (5 wkts)	249

Score after 100 overs: 231-5.

C Penn, T A Merrick, A P Igglesden and †G Kersey to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-50, 3-191, 4-206, 5-211.

SURREY: D J Bicknell, R I Alikhan, A J Stewart, D M Ward, G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, †N F Sargeant, M P Bicknell, A G Robson and A J Murphy to bat.

Bonus points: Surrey 2, Kent 2.

Umpires: H D Bird and R Palmer.

Middlesex v Sussex

LORD'S (*Sussex won toss*): *Sussex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 140 runs behind Middlesex*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

I J F Hutchinson c Moores b Pigott	5
M A Roseberry b Jones	18
*M W Gatting c Salisbury b Pigott	19
M R Ramprakash c Moores b Giddins	65
K R Brown lbw b North	30
†P R Downton not out	51
J E Emburey c Salisbury b Pigott	14
N F Williams lbw b North	0
D W Headley c Greenfield b Pigott	2
P C R Tufnell b Pigott	0
N G Cowans b North	5
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 5, nb 3)	18
Total (74.3 overs)	227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-37, 3-45, 4-98, 5-183, 6-212, 7-213, 8-218, 9-218.

BOWLING: Jones 14-3-48-1; Pigott 19-7-37-5, Giddins 14-1-43-1; North 18.3-3-65-3; Salisbury 9-1-24-0.

SUSSEX: First Innings

D M Smith not out	38
J W Hall lbw b Headley	18
K Greenfield run out	5
A P Wells not out	14
Extras (lb 1, nb 11)	12
Total (2 wkts, 32 overs)	87

M P Speight, †P Moores, J A North, A C S Pigott, I D K Salisbury, A N Jones and E S H Giddins to bat

FALL OF WICKET: 1-38, 2-56.

Bonus points: Middlesex 2, Sussex 4.

Umpires: D O Oslear and K E Palmer.

Somerset v Glam

TAUNTON (*Glamorgan won toss*): *Glamorgan have scored 269 runs for six wickets against Somerset*

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher lbw b Mallender	12
H Morris not out	108
R J Shastri b Swallow	37
M P Maynard c Lefebvre b Graveney	85
G C Holmes c Harden b Graveney	2
I Smith lbw b Rose	6
R D B Croft c Harden b Graveney	2
†C P Metson not out	8
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 2)	9
Total (6 wkts)	269

Score after 100 overs: 251-6.

S L Watkin, M Frost and D J Foster to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-94, 3-235, 4-237, 5-244, 6-250.

SOMERSET: P M Roebuck, S J Cook, R J Harden, *C J Tavare, R J Bartlett, †N D Burns, G D Rose, R P Lefebvre, I G Swallow, D A Graveney and N A Mallender to bat.

Bonus points: Somerset 2, Glamorgan 3.

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Notts v Leics

TRENT BRIDGE (*Leicestershire won toss*): *Nottinghamshire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 87 runs behind Leicestershire*

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

T J Boon c French b Pick	3
*N E Briers b Stephenson	22
P N Hepworth b Pick	0
J J Whitaker c Johnson b Evans	15
L Potter c French b Evans	6
P Willey c Afford b Evans	24
†P Whitticase b Evans	9
L Tennant c Pollard b Stephenson	13
C Wilkinson b Evans	41
D J Millns not out	26
J N Maguire lbw b Stephenson	33
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 4, nb 11)	28
Total (89.4 overs)	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-9, 3-42, 4-53, 5-60, 6-73, 7-95, 8-153, 9-155.

BOWLING: Stephenson 20.4-6-52-3; Pick 19-5-75-2; Evans 21-5-52-5; Hemmings 6-1-20-0; Afford 3-1-8-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

B C Broad c Whitticase b Maguire	67
P R Pollard c Whitticase b Tennant	45
*R T Robinson c Millns b Tennant	13
R A Pick c Whitticase b Maguire	0
P Johnson not out	2
D W Randall not out	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 3)	6
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	133

K P Evans, F D Stephenson, †B N French, E E Hemmings and J A Afford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-103, 2-121, 3-128, 4-132.

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 4, Leicestershire 2.

Umpires: B Dudleston and N T Plews.

Camb U v Derbys

FENNER'S (*Cambridge University won toss*): *Derbyshire have scored 431 runs for four wickets against Cambridge University*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler c Clitheroe b Hooper	81
T J G O'Gorman b Johnson	14
J E Morris c Arscott b Pearson	131
M Azharuddin not out	116
T J Adams c Clitheroe b Arscott	39
B Roberts not out	36
Extras (b 6, lb 1, w 1, nb 6)	14
Total (4 wkts)	431

*K J Barnett, †K M Krikken, A E Warner, M Jean-Jacques, O H Mortensen to bat.

Northants v Essex

NORTHAMPTON (*Northamptonshire won toss*): *Essex, with ten first-innings wickets in hand, are 315 runs behind Northamptonshire*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham c Garnham b Pringle	90
N A Felton b Foster	0
R J Bailey lbw b Pringle	57
*A J Lamb lbw b Pringle	24
D J Capel c Foster b Pringle	22
W Larkins b Pringle	0
E A E Baptiste c Prichard b Topley	28
†D Ripley c Garnham b Salim Malik	30
J G Thomas c Foster b Salim Malik	43
N G B Cook not out	12
J P Taylor not out	5
Extras (b 1, lb 13, w 1, nb 2)	17
Total (9 wkts dec)	329

Score after 100 overs: 301-8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-148, 3-163, 4-198, 5-204, 6-221, 7-241, 8-297, 9-319.

BOWLING: Foster 20-3-78-1; Pringle 29-6-70-5; Topley 17-1-63-1; Childs 13-5-32-0; Gooch 11-7-8-0; Such 12-2-37-0; Malik 6-1-26-2.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch not out	8
J P Stephenson not out	5
Extras	0
Total (no wkt, 3 overs)	13

P J Prichard, Salim Malik, N Hussain, D R Pringle, †M A Garnham, N A Foster, T D Topley, J H Childs and P M Such to bat.

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 4, Essex 3.

Umpires: J D Bond and J H Hampshire

RACING

Raymond steals show with treble

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

BRUCE Raymond took Chester by storm yesterday when landing a 2,651-1 treble on the eve of his 48th birthday.

The stylish and underrated Newmarket-based jockey produce his first surprise for punters when winning the Dee Stakes on Hundra, a 25-1 shot. He went on to capture the Grahams Machinery Sales Handicap on Breezy Day, 16-1 outsider of the seven runners, and further confounded favourite backers when forcing Per Quod home to a 5-1 victory in the group three Ormonde Stakes.

Enterprising tactics by Raymond clinched the issue in favour of Hundra in the Dee Stakes. As the field raced towards the straight, Fair Average was starting to feel the strain and Arokat was also struggling.

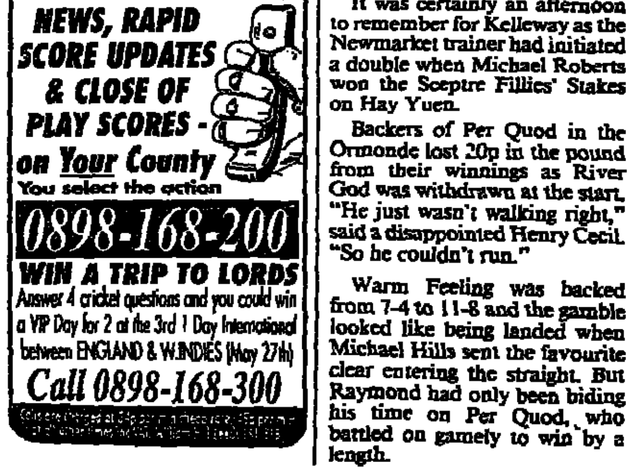
At this point Raymond set sail for home on the eventual winner, the pair foiling the attack of Richard Quinn and Half A Tick by a length.

Last season the subsequent Derby runner-up, Blue Stag, beat the eventual Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner, Saumarez, in the Dee Stakes. But Paul Kelleway, Hundra's trainer, plans to bypass Epsom in favour of a tilt at the Italian Derby. "Last year I ran Artic Envoy who was beaten a short head but still earnt us £93,000," Kelleway said. "So we might as well have another go."

It was certainly an afternoon to remember for Kelleway as the Newmarket trainer had initiated a double when Michael Roberts won the Sceptre Fillies' Stakes on Hay Yuen.

Backers of Per Quod in the Ormonde lost 20p in the pound from their winnings as River God was withdrawn at the start. "He just wasn't walking right," said a disappointed Henry Cecil. "So he couldn't run."

Warm Feeling was backed from 7-4 to 11-8 and the gamble looked like being landed when Michael Hills sent the favourite clear entering the straight. But Raymond had only been biding his time on Per Quod, who battled on gamely to win by a length.



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STRATFORD

MANDARIN

6.00 Superetta. 6.30 Jinxy Jack. 7.00 Early Breeze. 7.30 Golden Freeze. 8.00 Rain Mark. 8.30 Damanour.

THUNDERER

6.00 Superetta. 6.30 Jinxy Jack. 7.00 Early Breeze. 7.30 Al Hashimi. 8.00 Chilhampton. 8.30 Damanour.

Brian Beel: 8.00 Chilhampton.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

6.00 OXHILL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,887: 2m) (9 runners)

1	0540	ONE FOR IRENE 15 (V,D,G) G Jones 10-12	Mr C Campbell (7)
2	6313	SUPERETTA 6 (D,BF,F,G) J Jenkins 10-12	M Ahern
3	06	ARTILLERY FLIGHT 7 A Chamberlain 10-10	Lorna Vincent
4	055	HOMING RUN 48 B Preece 10-10	N Doughty
5	P0P6	PRESET 15 J Spearing 10-10	V Slattery (7)
6	065	TIME SLOT 11F B Stevens 10-10	G McCourt
7	4025	DEPARTURE 15 R Juckes 10-5	A Juckes (5)
8	0000	KATANGO BEAT 13 (B) P Blockley 10-5	S Turner
9		MISTRESS CARROLL 11F J O'Shea 10-5	S Hodgson (5)

2-1 Superetta, 11-4 One For Irene, 7-2 Homing Run, 6-1 Time Slot, 8-1 Preset, 12-1 Departure, 20-1 others.

6.30 CHARLES LEA MEMORIAL TROPHY NOVICES CHASE (£2,804: 2m) (4)

1	1001	JINXY JACK 17 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 7-11-2	N Doughty
2	5221	TILDEBO 20 (CD,F,G,S) J Webber 7-11-2	M Lynch
3	3352	DISNEYLAND 14 (D,F) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-12	M Pitman
4	00/P	OVER THE SLANEY 28 L Codd 10-10-12	R Stronge

2-5 Jinxy Jack, 4-1 Disneyland, 6-1 Tildebo, 20-1 Over The Slaney.

7.00 DORSINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,952: 2m) (7)

1	0800	VA LUTE 20 (D,F,S) R Holder 7-12-0	N Mann
2	602F	MONK'S MISTAKE 58 (D,F,G,S) R Lee 9-11-9	S Smith Eccles
3	1121	EARLY BREEZE 7 (D,F) M McCourt 5-11-7 (7ex)	G McCourt
4	0UP4	VALTAKI 14 (CD,F,G,S) G Ham 6-11-6	M A Fitzgerald (7)
5	0-00	MAN OF FUN 29 (B,D,F) Mrs A King 6-10-10	S Earle
6	3332	LETTEREWE 39 (B,D,F) G Pritchard-Gordon 5-10-7	W Marston (7)
7	3051	MOST INTERESTING 6 (D,F,S) G Jones 8-10-6 (7ex)	Miss H McCaull (7)

9-4 Early Breeze, 3-1 Monk's Mistake, 9-2 Most Interesting, 7-1 Letterewe, 8-1 Valtaki, 10-1 Va Lute, 16-1 Man Of Fun.

7.30 RODDY BAKER GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,479: 2m 6f) (7)

1	31F1	DOCKLANDS EXPRESS 13 (C,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-12-0	A Tory
2	P000	GOLDEN FREEZE 20 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-11	M Pitman
3	P01P	TARTAN TAILOR 8 (V,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-9	N Doughty
4	2631	AL HASHIMI 3 (F,G) D Nicholson 7-11-4 (6ex)	R Dunwoody
5	-331	HALF BROTHER 4 (G,S) Mrs J Pitman 9-10-7 (6ex)	M Bowlby
6	1-PP	SKERRY MEADOW 27 (D,G) O Carter 7-10-0	Mr R Farrant (7)
7	663P	NUMERATE 36 (D,F,G,S) P Davis 12-10-0	J Kavanagh (5)

7-4 Al Hashimi, 15-8 Docklands Express, 5-1 Golden Freeze, 7-1 Half Brother, 10-1 Tartan Tailor, 20-1 others.

8.00 NEEDHAM & JAMES NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,038: 2m 6f) (16)

1	431U	RAIN MARK 9 (CD,F,S) M Chatterton 10-12-10	C Bealby (7)
2	-132	KNOCKUMSHIN 4 (BF,S) S Smith 8-12-6	S R Andrews (3)
3	PB/1	MISCHIEVOUS MONK 15 (F) M Felton 10-12-6	M Felton (7)
4	4-	CHILHAMPTON 384 C Green 9-12-0	T Mitchell (7)
5	6P/4	JOHNNY JAY 9 C Warner 10-12-0	T Rooney (7)
6	F4PU	KELLY'S BLOOM 9 D Bloor 9-12-0	D Bloor (7)
7	-2F3	KILLELAN LAD 15 J Wingfield Digby 9-12-0	J Wingfield Digby (7)
8	232-	LIFE PEERAGE 622 A Sandell 6-12-0	R Farrant (7)
9	4FP-	MARTINSBURG 588 M Darby 8-12-0	M Munrowd (7)
10	4	NEW PART 37 T Summers 10-12-0	Miss E Brown (7)
11	0U/4	PICKS PINTA 7 O Carter 12-12-0	I Widdicombe (7)
12	0/	RAG STREAM 1455 M Stephenson 9-12-0	T Stephenson (7)
13	-6P5	SPARTAN CHIEF 37 Mrs G Jones 10-12-0	—
14	000/	TRIBAL SILK 742 Mrs P Hampson 6-12-0	M Harris (7)
15	4-P0	WHITE CITY BOY 9 M Watson 10-12-0	Major M Watson (7)
16	2RP/	FARMERS GIRL 711 B Hawker 8-11-9	—

3-1 Rain Mark, 7-2 Mischievous Monk, 5-1 Knockumshin, 6-1 Killelan Lad, 8-1 New Part, Picks Pinta, 10-1 Life Peerage, 16-1 others.

8.30 BISHOPTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211: 2m) (9)

1	3F01	ALOSAILI 16 (D,G) B Stevens 4-11-10	G McCourt
2	1100	PRIME WARDEN 45F (D,S) R Holder 5-11-5	N Mann
3	0461	DAMANOUR 13 (D,F) G Richards 5-11-1	N Doughty
4	1145	RAG TIME BELLE 20 (CD,F,G) M Eckley 5-10-7	B Dowling
5	04B4	CAPTAIN MANNERING 20 (B) L Codd 6-10-1	F Murtagh (7)
6	6002	PANT LLIN 15 (D,F) F Jordan 5-10-1	J Lodder
7	00-0	TEACHER'S DRAM 41 R Dickin 5-10-0	R Dunwoody
8	PP00	ORCHIPEDZO 6 R Dickin 6-10-0	S Earle
9	6000	SABRE LONG 11 L Codd 5-10-0	R Stronge

15-8 Damanour, 9-4 Alosaili, 9-2 Prime Warden, 7-1 Pant Llin, 10-1 Captain Mannering, 12-1 Rag Time Belle, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Richards, 9 winners from 22 runners, 40.9%; Mrs J Pitman, 15 from 64, 23.4%; B Preece, 4 from 21, 19.0%; D Nicholson, 14 from 85, 16.5%; R Lee, 5 from 32, 15.6%; F Jordan, 7 from 50, 14.0%.

JOCKEYS: N Doughty, 6 winners from 10 rides, 60.0%; A Tory, 5 from 11, 45.5%; G McCourt, 15 from 82, 18.3%; M Pitman, 6 from 34, 17.6%; M Bowlby, 4 from 24, 16.7%; R Dunwoody, 24 from 150, 16.0%.

TAUNTON

MANDARIN

6.00 Gilt Preference. 6.30 Storm Free. 7.00 Skylark Wonder. 7.30 Sailors Luck. 8.00 Tri Folene. 8.30 Kilhallon Castle.

THUNDERER

6.00 Srivijaya. 6.30 Nordic Delight. 7.00 Market Leader. 7.30 Sailors Luck. 8.00 Beechmount Lad. 8.30 Phyriafair.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT PATCHES)

6.00 MAY JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,645: 110yd) (4 runners)

1	51P4	SRIVIJAYA 10 (D,F) D Nicholson 11-3	R Dunwoody
2	26F2	BEAU ROU 14 P Hedger 10-7	M Richards
3	2PP3	FASTBIT 6 C Jackson 10-7	R Hyett
4	003	GILT PREFERENCE 39 (BF) M Pipe 10-7	P Scudamore

11-10 Srivijaya, 2-1 Gilt Preference, 4-1 Beau Rou, 6-1 Fastbit.

6.30 BATHPOOL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,822: 2m 110yd) (9)

1	1230	STORM FREE 15 (D) L Cottrell 5-11-8	S McNeill
2	-P00	BACHELOR'S PET 14 (B) J Thomas 5-11-3	D Tegg
3	60-0	BALLAD RULER 8 P Pritchard 5-11-3	A Webb
4	PP44	FEARSOME 4 Mrs J Wonnacott 5-11-3	C Dempsey (7)
5	0601	NORDIC DELIGHT 6 (D,V,G) M Pipe 4-11-3	P Scudamore
6	150P	SOUTHROP 6 C Trietline 5-11-3	R Supple
7	4P04	LADY PRIMROSE 14 B Forsey 5-10-12	C Llewellyn
8	2-0	THANKS A MILLION 7 N Thomson 5-10-12	H Davies
9	3P00	NORSE COUNTRY 4 W Turner 4-10-7	—

7-4 Nordic Delight, 5-2 Storm Free, 6-1 Thanks A Million, 8-1 Lady Primrose, 10-1 Fearsome, 12-1 Ballad Ruler, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 64 winners from 249 runners, 25.7%; R Holder, 17 from 74, 23.0%; D Murray Smith, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Edwards, 3 from 20, 15.0%; W G M Turner, 7 from 47, 14.9%; C Popham, 16 from 122, 13.1%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 33 winners from 102 rides, 32.4%; K Mooney, 4 from 26, 15.4%; P Richards, 9 from 60, 15.0%; B Powell, 29 from 238, 12.2%; I Lawrence, 3 from 29, 10.3%; C Llewellyn, 4 from 40, 10.0%.

7.00 MRM PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,634: 2m 110yd) (9)

1	114-	SNOWY BONDLAIR 360 (D,F,G,S) D M-Smith 12-12-0	P Verling (3)
2	2P63	MARKET LEADER 4 (D,F,G) R Lee 11-11-10	A Flannigan (7)
3	253F	SKYLARK WONDER 8 (D,G) C Popham 9-11-8	B Powell
4	-301	RECTORY BOY 9 (D,F,S) B Llewellyn 8-11-5 (7ex)	—
5	3331	SHANNAGARY 102 (G,S) R Hodges 10-11-1	P Scudamore
6	/11-	BEERA QUEST 347 (F) S Hom 12-10-12	Mrs C Wonnacott
7	4P-P	GRINGO 29 (C,B,F) J Honeyball 12-10-10	S McNeill
8	5333	HIGH IMP 4 (D,F,G,S) P Leach 11-10-0	H Davies
9	F8PP	PRETTY PANTOES 39 N Mitchell 7-10-0	D Skyrme

9-4 Shannagary, 4-1 Market Leader, 5-1 Skylark Wonder, 6-1 High Imp, 8-1 Snowy Bondlair, 10-1 Rectory Boy, 14-1 others.

7.30 WIDCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,851: 2m 110yd) (11)

1	0142	SAILORS LUCK 15 (D,S) R Holder 6-11-13	J Twomey (7)
2	-F60	RED SAILS 37 Mrs F Walwyn 5-10-0	K Mooney
3	-P6R	BANNISTER 6 Mrs J Wonnacott 6-10-0	C Dempsey (7)
4	1P02	WOOD CORNER 7 R Frost 6-10-0	J Frost
5	0046	RONALD IVOR 23 C Jackson 5-10-0	J Bryan
6	6F04	TEN DEEP 14 K Bishop 6-10-0	R Greene (5)
7	P000	LAABAS 28 J Long 8-10-0	R Rowell
8	0-0P	MERRY MATIC 177 (F) F Gray 8-10-0	M Crosse
9	40P0	CHARDAY 15 Miss C Harler 6-10-0	—
10	23/	BRAINWAVE 959 Miss H Knight 7-10-0	J Osborne
11	FUU4	SHOKRAN 7 P Rodford 6-10-0	J McCabe (7)

9-4 Sailors Luck, 7-2 Wood Corner, 5-1 Laabas, 11-2 Red Sails, 7-1 Ronald Ivor, 10-1 Bannister, 14-1 others.

8.00 HEMYOCK NOVICES CHASE (£2,263: 2m 3f) (9)

1	P236	BEECHMOUNT LAD 6 C Trietline 7-11-0	R Supple
2	0FUF	CASTLERICHARDKING 27 J Edwards 6-11-0	N Williamson
3		WILLING SPIRIT R Lee 6-11-0	R Greene (5)
4	1-0P	CREAM BY POST 174 (F) P Hobbs 7-10-9	B Clifford (7)
5	23P2	HOW MAJESTIC 41 S Christian 7-10-9	K Mooney
6	U	LEE VALLEY 17 P Hobbs 8-10-9	P Richards
7	P0PP	WELCOME TIDINGS 39 M Bolton 7-10-9	D Morris
8	20FP	SILENT RING 4 (B,F) P Hedger 5-10-7	M Richards
9	10P0	TRI FOLENE 87 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-2	P Scudamore

5-4 Tri Folene, 3-1 How Majestic, 6-1 Beechmount Lad, 8-1 Willing Spirit, 10-1 Castlerichardking, 12-1 others.

8.30 LADBROKES LAST RACE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,203: 2m 3f) (11)

1	4244	BY LINE 28 (CD,F) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-10	K Mooney
2	3223	KILHALLON CASTLE 22 (CD,S) S Hom 8-11-9	D Skyrme
3	2121	PRIMATICE 10F (B,S) N Mitchell 4-11-0	B Powell
4	0P31	PHYRIAFAIR 14 (C,F) R Lee 10-11-0	P Scudamore
5	5203	FORCELLO 7 (G,S) J Thomas 8-10-12	D Tegg
6	P623	LASTING MEMORY 15 (F) R Frost 5-10-10	J Frost
7	-056	FOUR STAR LINE 15 (S) W Turner 6-10-10	H Davies
8	0065	BETWEEN THE SHEETS 14 (B,F) N Mitchell 6-10-9	G Upton
9	5P0P	CANTORIAL 15 (C,F,G,S) C Popham 10-10-9	I Lawrence
10	5042	CURIOUS FEELING 15 (F) J Bosley 5-10-6	M Bosley
11	P000	MARIE BABY 4 (S) Graeme Roe 7-10-0	D Leahy (7)

9-4 Phyriafair, 3-1 Curious Feeling, 4-1 Kilhallon Castle, 6-1 Between The Sheets, 8-1 Primatice, 10-1 By Line, 12-1 others

Piggott at Saint-Cloud

LESTER Piggott rides Aldbourne in the group three Prix du Muguet (1m) at Saint-Cloud today. One of her four opponents is Colour Chart, ridden by Steve Cauthen, who also rides Becker (Prix Opott) and Ambrosine (Prix Collegia).

Pont Aven (Cash Asmussen) won the Prix de Saint-Georges (5f) at Longchamp yesterday from Luring, Ron's Victory (Frankie Dettori) and Miami Banker (Piggott).

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Soulful Senna still striving for inner strength

In the build-up to the Monaco grand prix on Sunday, Norman Howell unravels the secret of Ayrton Senna's success

Ayrton Senna, the Formula One world champion, seems bound for a fourth consecutive victory here this weekend. He leads the championship with 30 points and his nearest rival is his McLaren team-mate, Gerhard Berger, of Austria, 20 points behind.

The other drivers trail in his slipstream. Alain Prost is struggling with the management of his team, Ferrari; Nigel Mansell is unable to finish a race. Senna seems invincible and he makes it look so easy.

He has established a race routine. On Friday, he sets the fastest lap in qualifying, securing provisional pole position. Overnight, all his rivals work frantically to nullify his advantage. On Saturday, he drives two fast laps, the first good but not so good the others feel he is out of reach. One or two even manage to better his time.

Then he drives out of the pits, four or five minutes away from the end of the session. The crowd stills, the press room goes quiet and the other cars seem to melt away. A minute or so later, he has done it again. Fastest lap, pole for race day, all the others left behind.

"The difference between winning and losing is very small," Senna says. He indicates a space between his index and thumb. "And it's getting smaller all the time. To achieve victory you have to be totally committed; you must give your best, even if your health suffers."

That he gives his all, there is no doubt. At the end of the Brazilian race, which he won, he was in such pain from cramp he was unable to get out of the car.

Yet despite his victories, he is less than satisfied with the team effort provided by McLaren and Honda. "I am surprised we've won so far. The Honda V12 is reliable and strong but I was promised more from this engine. The point is that, had I not felt particularly strong at Phoenix and São Paulo, we might have been second or third. And that is unacceptable.

"I had to give more of myself than I should have," he said. "It means more pain, more frustration, a different level of commitment, and that is not healthy for me. I don't like to put myself in this situation.

"I live very intensely. The team's focus is on the driver; that is very stressful. My life goes by in seconds when I'm driving and I do so much in that short period of time. This is a major challenge. You must do the best you can, all the time, and only then can you be at peace."

The road to peace is a recurring theme with Senna. The son of a wealthy businessman, he is very attached to his family. He always spends the off-season — November to March — in Brazil.

"Winning is done thousands of kilometres away from the race track. It's part of a whole. For me, it's also making a dream come true. If it does, I feel I have equilibrium; that gives me strength and that, in turn, brings peace."

Peace is not a word immediately associated with Formula One. Noise, power, fear and madness come more readily to mind. But Senna is adamant that without it, victory is impossible. "We must use what we have inside to our best advantage. Take negative feelings; you would not believe how hard I work at putting these feelings aside. But it is also important to harness them. They are a small but fundamental percentage of the formula for winning. Everything counts."

Senna tries hard to explain how he feels when he drives and does so in religous terms, speaking of "feeling God". "When it rains, and I can't really see, I rely more on my instinct. I feel my way around the race. Sometimes it is so cold in the car, other times the heat is so intense . . . you have to always look for, and find, something extra."

"Some people will appreciate it; it might help them as it has helped me. There should be respect for what comes from the heart, like friendship. I value it a lot because there is so little of it in Formula One while there is lots of spite — like those who say, because of my beliefs, I consider myself immortal; that I have God on my side."

There is something of the warrior in Senna, a knight or, perhaps, a *samurai*, with his strict codes of behaviour and intense mental discipline. Such men seek to win in their minds, well before drawing their swords. Just as he does.

Sitting tight: Senna adjusts his mirror while waiting for the start of practice in Monaco yesterday

YACHTING

Conner is beaten by cash

From Barry Pickthall
in San Diego

NEW Zealand, the America's Cup challenger skippered on Wednesday by Rod Davis, won the fleet racing round of the world championship and will meet Nippon, from Japan, in the semi-final match race today after Dennis Conner sailed into the final rounds, then talked himself out.

The two Italian yachts, Il Moro di Venezia III, skippered by Paul Cayard, and Il Moro I, sailed by John Kolius, make up the second pairing after an exciting final fleet race saw Conner's American yacht, Stars & Stripes, snatch second place behind Il Moro 3 and finish the series third overall.

Conner pulled out of the semi-finals, ignoring an offer from Bill Koch's rival America 3 syndicate to lend him equipment. "I'd like to sail, but my first consideration is the overall picture," Conner said. "I can't jeopardise the rig and what few assets I have." The cash-strapped American skipper was well pleased with his three-week-old yacht, despite racing with second-hand spinnakers.

RESULTS: Fourth race: 1, Il Moro di Venezia 3 (P Cayard, It); 2, Stars and Stripes (D Conner, US); 3, New Zealand (R Davis, NZ); 4, Nippon (C Dickson, Japan); 7, Spain '92 (P Campos, Sp); 8, Ville de Paris (M Pajot, Fr); 9, Jayhawk (B Koch, US). Overall: 1, New Zealand; 2, Il Moro 3; 3, Stars and Stripes; 4, Il Moro 1; 5, Nippon; 6, Jayhawk; equal 7, America 3 and Ville de Paris; 9, Spain '92.

☐ Oracle UK, the software company, has posted an entry for the next Whitbread Round the World Race and had proposals from a number of skippers.

☐ Robin Davie, of Britain, must wait until 7am on Tuesday to see if he has won the $30,000 (£17,500) corinthian class in the BOC single-handed round the world race. Paul Thackaberry, his rival, is still 500 miles away but holds a four-day advantage.

TENNIS

Natural style reaps reward for Edberg

From Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent, Hamburg

NOT since 1989, when he reached the final of the French Open, has Stefan Edberg looked as convincing on clay as he has over the last three days in Hamburg.

Though he will be tested in the quarter-finals today by the tall German, Michael Stich, far more than he was either by Ronald Agenor yesterday or Alex Mronz in the first round, Edberg has clearly thrown away his manual of clay-court tennis and reverted to what he knows best: getting to the net as quickly as possible and putting away the volley.

He did both too effectively for Agenor, who must have wondered if he had been transported forward to the centre court at Wimbledon only to find that the grass had not been watered for six weeks. Edberg has lost only seven games in two matches, the first time for two years he has even won two successive clay-court matches.

Whatever the surface, the key to Edberg's state of mind is his serve and he has been working on it almost constantly since his early departure from the Monte Carlo Open two weeks ago."I found the rhythm last week and have been serving almost as well as I can. That has helped me. It puts the pressure on the other guy and I can do more when I receive," he said

After Edberg came the Yannick Noah show, a mixture of tennis, mime and knockabout comedy, which has played to packed houses and has already enjoyed an extended run. Half Jacques Tati, half Meadowlark Lemon, Noah's antics, which against Magnus Larsson in the second round included usurping the umpire's chair and throwing up all six balls to serve, have not found full favour with the tournament officials.

"They told me to be careful because I had gone too far, making jokes when he was serving," Noah said. "I think it's OK as long as you have respect for your opponent, but I said I was sorry for disturbing the routine of the ATP."

There was certainly more tennis and less routine yesterday against Renzo Furlan as Noah continued to surprise himself and delight the rest with the quality of his game. Fresh from his defeat of Ivan Lendl, the Italian must have been eyeing a quarter-final place when he took the first set 6-1. Yet Noah slowly began to put together a string of clever drop shots and telling passes and finally wore down the qualifier, who suffered a pulled stomach muscle in the third set, to win 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"I like to play and joke, but I don't like to get killed. I thought it was time to play a bit and I felt so fresh in my head, I wanted to keep fighting," Noah said. Magnus Gustafsson, I fear, might provide the punchline in the quarter-finals today.

☐ Ivan Lendl has withdrawn from the Italian Open in Rome next week with a hand injury. Lendl went to Munich yesterday to get advice and might need surgery, which would put him out of the French Open at the end of May.

RESULTS: Third round: G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-1, 6-3; G Prpic (Yug) bt H de la Pena (Arg), 6-3, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C Caratti (It), 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-1, 6-4; M Koevermans (Neth) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 6-4, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-2, 6-1; Y Noah (Fr) bt R Furlan (It), 1-6, 6-4, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt P Sampras (US), 6-4, 6-2.

BOXING

Precision pays off for Angol

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

GOOD boxing returned to the British ring on Wednesday night, even if it was provided by only one man, Derek Angol. The British and Commonwealth cruiserweight champion, who is the forgotten man of boxing, gave the Albert Hall crowd and his opponent, Tee Jay, of Paddington, something to remember him by — a superb exhibition of controlled boxing.

Angol dropped Jay in the first round with a perfect short right. Then, instead of trying to mug him — as most British boxers would do — he picked off the challenger with precise blows before finishing him off with another nicely-turned right in the third round.

"Typical of a man more interested in improving his technique than knocking his opponent's block off, Angol said: "I like to be accurate."

With a little help from the media, the public should see Angol now not only as a crowd pleaser but also as a realistic world-title hope. Bobby Czyz, the World Boxing Association champion, who is a Tee Jay-type of forward-moving fighter, would be made for Angol.

Angol's performance was put into focus by Lloyd Honeyghan's slam-bang second-round win over Darryl Anthony, an American, who looked good throwing punches but awful taking them. Though Honeyghan's blows carried weight his boxing lacked snap.

His manager, Mickey Duff, is talking about a world title bout, but the former world champion will need a couple of more meaningful contests first.

☐ In a sparse dressing room at the London Arena later that night, Tony Collins was trying to talk himself into the job (Bryan Stiles writes). "Just bring on Honeyghan, I'll whip him in three rounds," he said after making a successful defence of his World Boxing Council International title against Ricardo Nunez, of Argentina.

"He is old and he's chinny and I'll retire him . . . goodnight Honeyghan. I hope I get him next because someone is going to retire him soon."

Honeyghan may resent the brash talk of the young boxer — Collins is 21 tomorrow — but he will probably heed his manager, Mickey Duff, and stick to less dangerous opponents.

ATHLETICS

South Africa may delay its return

From David Powell, athletics correspondent, Cape Town

THE South African Amateur Athletics Board (SAAAB) yesterday softened its attitude towards delaying the Republic's return to international competition after 15 years in isolation, but it did criticise the Interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa (INOCSA) and its chairman, Sam Ramsamy, for adopting a "threatening attitude".

Harry Hendricks, the SAAAB president, had said, before the arrival of the International Amateur Athletic Federation's fact-finding mission here on Wednesday, that support for South Africa's return was dependent on "one democratic parliament . . . the apartheid laws may be removed next month, but people are still subject to an apartheid parliament".

However, after meeting with the IAAF and INOCSA, he had changed his tune. "I'm not saying we are going to wait for that," he said.

Instead, he would settle for proof that promises made by the South African Amateur Athletic Union (SAAAU), which is campaigning for readmission, to put coaching, facilities and sponsorship on an equal footing would be met. Once black and coloured athletes were benefiting, he said, South Africa could return with a team selected on merit rather than one which reflected achievement based on favourable opportunities.

"We say give it a year or 18 months," Hendricks said. Would that mean 1993? "That is what we have in mind, but perhaps it could be brought forward." However, rumblings from within the IAAF continued to suggest that if the world championships in August are too soon, it will not be long after.

Ramsamy has taken a leading negotiating role. "We strongly disapprove of the threatening attitude emanating from INOCSA and their demand that unity must be hastened," Hendricks said.

Scheme should boost athletics in schools

By John Goodbody

BRITISH athletics yesterday launched a scheme to counter the decline of the sport in schools. It will mean £100,000 being spent this year to try to reap the benefits of the high profile that the sport has enjoyed in recent years.

In common with the governing bodies of other sports, athletics has been affected by problems in education and the fall in the number of schoolchildren. To encourage youngsters to take part in the premier Olympic sport, athletics authorities are using the well-established Esso Five Star Award Scheme, the Adidas sports hall championships and the IBN ten-step award scheme, all of which are aimed at participation and simple incentives.

However, the new plan, which is being tried out in the southern Sports Council region, will use local authorities and youth and community education officers as partners with the sport.

Gwenda Ward, who is promoting the scheme, said: "We are not asking local authorities to spend large sums of new money. We are merely suggesting a merging of existing resources and expertise of all these institutions into a coherent structure."

A standard athletics development manual for local authorities is being compiled, and a new coaching award to teach youngsters aged under 14 is being established. Whereas previously the most elementary level was the assistant club coach, who has usually guided athletes on a one-to-one basis, the new qualification is designed on selling the sport to schoolchildren and dealing with large groups of youngsters.

Ward said the prime objective of the scheme is to ensure that the values and qualities in athletics are encouraged in youngsters. "Any identification of talent is a spin-off, nothing more," she said. It must be hoped that when the British Athletics Federation, the new governing body of the sport, comes into being in October, it will continue to give the necessary financial support to this scheme.

EQUESTRIANISM

John still superior Whitaker

By Jenny MacArthur

JOHN Whitaker relegated his younger brother, Michael, on My Messieur to runner-up for the second time in a week when he and the 19-year-old, Henderson San Salvador, won the Speed Stakes, the main jumping event at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday.

Whitaker, who also deprived Michael of victory in the Mattie Brown Stakes at the Newark and Notts show last weekend, was nearly a second faster than his brother in the competition, a qualifier for Sunday's grand prix, and contested by 63 riders.

Emma-Jane Brown underlined the strength of her new partnership with Hasty Exit — a former winner of the Windsor grand prix with his previous owner, James Fisher — by taking third place.

Whitaker, who is competing at Windsor for the first time in three years, estimates that he was won around £8,000 in the eight years he has ridden the "youthful" Argentinian-bred San Salvador. Today he rides the on-form Grannusch in the Gentleman's championship.

Earlier, Robert Oliver and Roy Creber's magnificent middleweight hunter, King's Warrior, gained their second championship of the season when they won the Ridden Hunter championship, relegating last year's winners, Roger Stack, on the heavyweight, Willie Griffin, to reserve.

King's Warrior, who won at the Newark and Notts, is by Good Apple, the sire of last week's Badminton winner, The Irishman. His owner has turned down numerous offers for the six-year-old gelding, who won the novice championship at Windsor last year and was reserve champion at Wembley.

Two of Britain's top drivers, Peter Munt and Lex Ruddiman, first and third at Brighton last weekend, have had to withdraw from the Harrods driving grand prix after one of the horses in each of their teams failed to pass the horse inspection.

RESULTS: Speed Stakes: 1, Henderson San Salvador (J Whitaker), 0 in 55.87secs; 2, Henderson My Messieur (M Whitaker), 0 in 56.65; 3, Everest Hasty Exit (E-J Brown), 0 in 56.68. Ridden Hunter Championship: Champion: R Creber's King's Warrior (R Oliver). Reserve: S McCormack's Willie Griffin (R Stack). Mountain and Moorland Pony Championship: Champion: H M The Queen's Balmoral Dee; Reserve: Mrs J Huff's Applecare Honeyman. Grade A Jumping: 1, Valley Park (J Ware), 0 in 42.26; 2, Everest Gradient (E Edgar), 0 in 50.59; 3, Harden Dilwyn (T Preest), 0 in 55.72.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Trophy record ready to fall

By Walter Gammie

WYCOMBE Wanderers and Kidderminster Harriers have a hard act to follow when they meet in the FA Trophy final at Wembley tomorrow. The thrills of last Saturday's FA Vase final between Guiseley and Gresley Rovers, which produced a 4-4 draw, will take a lot of beating.

Yet both the GM Vauxhall Conference clubs have looked forward with anticipation to the final, knowing that their open football is well-matched and are confident that they will draw a crowd that will break the 32,000 attendance record for a Trophy final.

Around 25,000 are expected to travel from Wycombe, where support has run high since the club moved into its new ground, Adams Park, at the start of the season. Martin O'Neill, the former Northern Ireland international, has helped sustain the enthusiasm with his flair for promoting the club, which has forged a strong rapport with the supporters.

O'Neill, a member of Brian Clough's triumphant Nottingham Forest side of the late Seventies, is blazing a trail to Wembley for his old master, who makes his first FA Cup final appearance as manager tomorrow week.

Kidderminster's form has been patchy, but Graham Allner, their manager, who took the club to the Trophy in 1987, rates the 3-2 win at Adams Park in December as one of the best matches he has been involved in. So, anticipation runs high.

Woking, the season's FA Cup heroes, have lost the services of Fred Callaghan, their coach, who told them he was leaving before their 2-1 win over Carshalton in the AC Delco Cup final on Monday. Callaghan, has turned down an offer from Carlisle. Kingstonian and Sutton United are among the clubs he is believed to be talking to.

IN BRIEF

Plans to expand

THE World League of American Football (WLAF) could have two new English members next season. The WLAF commissioner, Mike Lynn, said Birmingham and Manchester had shown interest in joining, along with Dublin and teams from France, the Soviet Union, Finland, Sweden, Hungary, Spain and Italy.

RUGBY UNION: Alun Thomas, the former president of the Welsh Rugby Union and manager during the British Isles' unbeaten tour to South Africa in 1974, has died after a short illness. He was 65.

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☐ The Queensland Rugby Union has decided not to suspend Michael Lynagh from club and state matches after his appearance in a beer advertisement.

BOWLS: Israel won the team championship in the International Classic in Jersey yesterday to register the country's first international team title.

YACHTING: Ireland are through to the final six of the IYRU Landrover Nations Cup north European qualifying competition.

HOCKEY: England face The Netherlands and the Soviet Union take on Germany in the semi-finals of the women's European Cup in Brussels today.

CYCLING: Britain's two leading amateur riders based abroad on a scholarship, Matthew Stephens and David Cook, are the surprise inclusions in the England team for the Milk Race, which starts on May 26.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Garry Schofield, the Leeds captain, was named Man of Steel at the sport's annual awards ceremony in Manchester last night.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Quarter-finals: Boca Juniors (Arg) 3, Flamengo (Br) 0 (Boca Juniors win 4-2 on agg); Nacional (Uru) 2, Colo Colo (Chile) 0 (Colo Colo win 4-2 on agg); Olimpia (Par) 3, Cerro Porteno (Par) 0 (Olympia win 3-1 on agg).
DUTCH LEAGUE: PSV Eindhoven 3, MVV Maastricht 3; Willem II 6, SVV Schiedam 0; Fortuna Sittard 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; FC Volendam 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 0; FC Utrecht 2, RKC Waalwijk 0; Feyenoord 0, Vitesse Arnhem 0. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven, played 29, 45pts; 2, Ajax, 28, 43; 3, FC Groningen, 29, 42.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton Athletic 3, Millwall 0.

BADMINTON

COPENHAGEN: World championships: Men: Singles: Third round: Wu Wenkai (China) bt B Supriadi (Indo), 15-1, 13-18, 15-8; J P Nierhoff (Den) bt R Magnusson (Swe), 7-15, 15-6, 15-10; J Supriadi (Indo) bt Lee Kwang-jin (S Kor), 9-15, 15-7, 15-8; P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) bt H Etoh (Japan), 15-4, 15-5; Liu Jun (China) bt S Saxena (India), 15-2, 15-2; Foo Kok Keong (Malaysia) bt Lee Mie-chon (Taiwan), 15-11, 15-9; A Budi Kusuma (Indo) bt Wan Zhengwen (China), 15-6, 15-8; S Kuswarndi (Thai) bt J Frederiksen (Den), 15-5, 4-15, 15-9. Women: Singles: Third round: P Nedergaard (Den) bt Deng Sian (Can), 5-11, 11-7, 11-3; Lee Wai Leng (Malaysia) bt C Martin (Den), 5-11, 11-3, 12-9; L Sudarwati (Indo) bt Zhou Qianmin (China), 11-2, 12-10; Huang Hua (China) bt J Bradbury (Eng), 11-3, 11-7; C Magnusson (Swe) bt R Robertson (NZ), 12-9, 11-5; Zhou Lei (China) wo A Lee (Aus); D Julien (Can) wo Chen Shaan-lie (Taiwan); Tang Jiuhong (China) bt L Wihlborg (Swe), 11-3, 11-6; Lee Heung-soon (S Kor) bt A van der Knaap (Neth), 11-1, 12-9. Fourth round: Zhou Lei (China) bt D Julien (Can), 11-8, 11-4; P Nedergaard (Den) bt Liu Yuhong (China), 12-11, 12-9; S Kusumawardhani (Indo) bt E Rybkina (USSR), 11-8, 11-8; Lee Heung Soon (S Kor) bt L Sudarwati (Indo), 11-3, 11-0; Tang Jiuhong (China) bt Bang Soo-Hyun (S Kor), 12-11, 11-12, 11-2; S Susanti (Indo) bt C Magnusson (Swe), 11-8, 11-1; H Troke (Eng) bt Lee Wai Leng (Malaysia), 11-6, 3-11, 11-7; Huang Hua (China) bt H Yaoi (Japan), 11-0, 11-1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Campbell Conference: Finals: Minnesota North Stars 5, Edmonton Oilers 1 (Minnesota leads best-of-seven series 3-1).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 5, San Francisco Giants 4; Pittsburgh Pirates 7, Cincinnati Reds 2; Atlanta Braves 17, St Louis Cardinals 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, New York Mets 1; Houston Astros 4, Chicago Cubs 2; Philadelphia Phillies 5, San Diego Padres 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 7, Kansas City Royals 3; Oakland A's 9, Baltimore Orioles 3; Boston Red Sox 8, Minnesota Twins 3; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Texas Rangers 2; Chicago White Sox 2, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Seattle Mariners 6, Cleveland Indians 2; New York Yankees 10, California Angels 5.

BASKETBALL

VEVEY, Switzerland: Men's European championship qualifying tournament: Scotland 85, Austria 71; Switzerland 89, Scotland 83 (2 OT).
TRALEE, Republic of Ireland: Women's European championship qualifying tournament: Group A: England 73 (A Spry 19, C Castle 15), Belgium 85; Finland 71, Sweden 84.
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Second round: Western Conference: Semi-finals: Golden State Warriors 125, Los Angeles Lakers 124 (best-of-seven series tied 1-1)

BOWLS

JERSEY: International Classic: Singles: Seventh round: C Bransky (Isr) bt W Thomas (Wales), 25-18; J Ottaway (Eng) bt B Noel (Jer), 25-18; S Adamson (Ire) bt M Smith (Guer), 25-11. Final positions: 1, R Corsie (Scot); 2, Bransky; 3, Ottaway; 4, Adamson; 5, Thomas; 6, Smith; 7, Noel. Fours: Seventh round: Ireland (V Dallas, S Bewster, C Craig, S Allen) bt Guernsey (A Welch, M De Carteret, D Lucas, M Nicolle), 25-9; Israel (L Blum, L Mendelsohn, G Kaminsky, J Rebkin) bt Wales (N Williams, G Ellis, R Price, R Weale), 27-21; England (J Rednall, D Holt, W Richards, D Ward) bt Jersey (S Power, A Quenard, P James, T Mallet), 26-12. Final positions: 1, Scotland (S Thomson, W Killens, B Rattray, W Wood); 2, Israel; 3, Ireland; 4, England; 5, Wales; 6, Jersey; 7, Guernsey. Team: Final positions: 1, Israel; 2, Scotland; 3, England; 4, Ireland; 5, Wales; 6, Jersey; 7, Guernsey.

HANG GLIDING

MID-WALES: British championship: Leading positions (after 2 rounds): 1, C Ashman (Sheffield), 777pts; 2, M Chick (Elstree), 615; 3, S Elkins (Bradwell, Derbyshire), 564.

BOXING

LONDON ARENA: WBC International light-middleweight championship: Tony Collins (Yateley) bt Ricardo Nunez (Arg), pts. Light-middleweight: Martin Rosamond (Southampton) drew with Marty Duke (Great Yarmouth); Kevin Sheeran (Crawley) bt Cliff Churchward (Bournemouth), pts. Light-heavy: Nicky Piper (Cardiff) bt Serge Bolivard (Fr), rsc 1st rnd. Welter: Steve McGovern (Bembridge) bt Rocky Milton (Battersea), pts.
ALBERT HALL: British and Commonwealth cruiserweight championship: Derek Angol (Gravesend) bt Tee Jay (Notting Hill), rsc 3rd rnd. Welterweight: Robert McCracken (Birmingham) ko Tony Gibbs (Barking), 1st rnd. Heavy: Adam Fogerty (Halifax) bt Tracy Thomas (US), rsc 3rd rnd. Middle: John Kaighin (Swansea) bt Bengie Good (Brockley), rsc 3rd rnd. Light-middle: Lloyd Honeyghan (Bermondsey) ko Darryl Anthony (US), 2nd rnd. Feather: Nicko Lucas (Waltham Abbey) drew with Francisco Ventura (Mex).
GOTHENBURG: European amateur championships: Quarter-finals: 48kg: J P Weir (Scot) bt B Helm (Isr), pts. 54kg: J Mayanja (Swe) bt W Docherty (Scot), pts; M Dias (Neth) bt J Lawlor (Ire), pts. 67kg: M Bajkovic (Yug) bt W Walsh (Ire), pts; S Ottke (Ger) bt S Wilson (Scot), pts; R Buda (Pol) bt D Galvin (Ire), pts.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Alleyne's 128-9, *Trinity 129-4; Allhallows 114, *Exeter 115-1; *Denstone 173, Ellesmere 94-5; Free Foresters 85, *Shrewsbury 89-2; King's, Taunton 76, *Millfield 78-0; KCS Wimbledon 193-6 (R Coke 117), *Tiffin 143-7; Watford GS 110, Merchant Taylors', Northwood 111-4; Forty Club 173, *Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree 176-2. (* denotes home team)
NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Wallasey 138-8, Warrington 138-9 (Warrington won on faster scoring rate over first 20 overs); Norwich Barleycorns 137-8, Bury St Edmunds 135. Second round: Wolverhampton 82, Old Hill 83-2; Halesowen 191, Walsall 192-8; Moseley 131, West Bromwich Dartmouth 132-3.
NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: First round: Butleigh 300-3 (A Guyver 150), Tintinhull 102; Goatacre 154, Southwick 59; Stone 135-5, King's Stanley 136-3.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Tucuman 15, New South Wales 15 (in San Miguel de Tucuman, Argentina); British Columbia 9, Scotland XV 29 (in Vancouver).

TENNIS

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA spring satellite circuit: Men: First round: M Barnard (SA) bt A Foster (Staffs), 7-6, 7-5; D Kirk (Hants) bt G Kowalski (Isr), 6-2, 6-3; N Fulwood (Derbys) bt R Rasheed (Aus), 7-6, 6-2. Second round: L Bale (SA) bt A Brice (Cheshire), 6-0, 6-4; Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt C Beecher (Kent), 6-3, 6-1; P Norval (SA) bt O Weinberg (Isr), 7-6, 6-2; M Barnard (SA) bt J Lenton (Beds), 6-1, 6-2; N Fulwood (Derbyshire) bt V Egorov (USSR), 6-1, 6-2; J van Duyn (Neth) bt M Maclagan (Scot), 6-2, 6-2; U Nganga (Norfolk) bt D Kirk (Hampshire), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; A Nizer (US) bt N Adams (Essex), 6-3, 6-3. Women: First round: V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt V Davies (S Wales), 6-2, 6-3. Second round: D Vandezande (Bel) bt B Griffiths (Suffolk), 6-2, 7-5; D Gardner (US) bt R Mewdsley (Aus), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; C Singer (Ger) bt C Hunt (Dorset), 6-2, 6-0; A Merchl (Ger) bt A Homolya (Hun), 7-6, 2-6, 7-6; S Gomer (Essex) bt S-A Siddall (Dorset), 6-4, 6-2; V Humphreys-Davies (Cambs) bt A Van Buuren (Neth), 6-3, 6-4; V Lake (Devon) bt C Hall (Dorset), 6-2, 6-2; J Kruger (SA) bt B Sommerville (US), 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
ALGIERS: Davis Cup: African zone: Group 2: Algeria level with Ivory Coast, 1-1.
CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: United States clay-court championships: Second round: M Washington (US) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; J Arias (US) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-1, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt M Wostenholme (Can), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-3, 6-4.
ROME: Italian Open women's tournament: Singles: Third round: M Seles (Yug) bt K Piccolini (It), 6-3, 6-1; L Meskhi (USSR) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-1, 6-7, 6-1; M-J Fernandez (US) bt B Rittner (Ger), 6-1, 6-3; C Martinez (Sp) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-1, 6-1; M Navratilova (US) beat A Huber (Ger), 3-6, 6-1, 6-3; J Capriati (US) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-2, 6-4; B Fulco (Arg) bt M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

YACHTING

KAOVIG, Denmark: Nations Cup: North European qualifier: Group One: 1, Ireland, 8 wins; 2, Switzerland, 7; 3, Denmark, 6; 4, Norway, 4; 5, Belgium, 2; 6, Iceland, 0. Group Two: equal 1, Finland and Sweden, 6; 3, Austria, 5; equal 4, Hungary and Malta, 4; 6, Luxembourg, 0.

GOLF

TOKYO: Men's tournament: First round: Leading scores (Japan unless stated): 65: B Jones (Aus). 68: G Marsh (Aus). 68: S Ebihara. 69: S Fujita, T Nakajima, H Kase, F Mino. Other score: 71: P Hoad (GB).

LAND YACHTING

LYTHAM ST ANNES: Smirnoff America's Challenge Cup: Leading positions (after 8 races): Unlimited: 1, N Embroden (US); 2, C Palmer (NZ); 3, G Rowlands (GB). 8sq metre: 1, Palmer; 2, Embroden; 3, J P Kriecher (US). 5sq metre: 1, Kriecher; 2, M Hampton (GB); 3, B Norman (GB). Women: 1, C Gouatti (Fr); 2, P Arnold (GB).

REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: British professional championship: First round: K Sheldon bt M Ryan, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1; L Deuchar bt N Cripps, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; K Ludelane walkover F Willis. Second round: A Phillips bt Sheldon, 6-1, 5-6, 6-3, 6-4.

SHOOTING

HORSFORD: Norfolk open rifle meeting: 15 shots at 300 yards: 1, D Armstrong (Surrey), 75.12pts. 15 at 500 yards: 1, N Stangroom (Old Greshams), 75.9. Aggregate: 1, Barnett, 148.22. Junior Cup: 1, C Lammer (Gresham School), 147.18. Teams of five: 1, Norfolk, 724.88.
BISLEY: Free pistol match: 1, British Pistol Club, 1,613pts (P Leatherdale 553, M Abrahams 538, S Haynes 522), 2, British Police, 1,583 (M Greenhill 542, M Nicholls 528, P Webb 513).

SKIING

SUNDERLAND: All England artificial slope championships: Winners: Men: T Ondrusz (Stainforth). Women: C Goddard (Gloucester). Junior men: A Sullivan (Arrows, Nottingham). Junior women: R Bradbridge (Gloucester). Boys: S Brown (Wessex). Girls: K Ralph (Avon). Veteran men: J Williams (Norfolk). Veteran women: R Hawkins (Chatham). Disabled: M Hammond (Harlow). Club dual slalom relay: Arrows Junior inter-regional dual slalom relay: East.

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: First division: Wimbledon 46, Swindon 44. Second division: Long Eaton 53½, Edinburgh 36½.
ERIC GUNDERSEN FAREWELL MEETING (at Cradley Heath): Cradley Heath 41, Wolverhampton 39, Coventry 28.

EVENING RACING

Huntingdon

Going: good to firm

6.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Nottage (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav); 2, Albury Grey (4-1); 3, Electric Dancer (20-1). 17 ran. NR: Bohea Destroyer, Parisian, Super Tuesday, Tokanda, Angelica Park. 1l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.00, £6.80. DF: £3.60 CSF: £7.93.

6.30 (2m 200yd ch) 1, Dare Say (D Murphy, 11-8 fav); 2, Smile Again (7-2); 3, Miss Celebrity (8-1). 5 ran. NR: Berkisland, Andy Boy. Nk, dist. J Gifford. Tote: £2.10; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £6.58

8.15 (3m hdle) 1, Kangaroo Court (M Dwyer, 6-1); 2, Grace Moore (14-1); 3, Just Rose (10-1). Mylege 11-2 fav. 13 ran. NR: Brigand Girl, Woodlands Genpower. 8l, 8l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £6.00, £3.10. DF: £139.80. CSF: £81.80. Tricast: £767.43.

8.45 (2m hdle) 1, Principal (Mr K Green, 16-1); 2, El Capistrano (20-1); 3, Al Skeet (5-1); 4, Hill Beagle (10-1). Bold Illusion 5-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Andrea's Pride. 1½l, 1½l. P Blockley.

Uttoxeter

Going: good

☐ Pinctada, injured at Chester on Tuesday, was put down yesterday at Liverpool's Leahurst Veterinary Unit.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final: Second leg (first leg score in brackets): Witton (1) v Fleetwood (1)
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Notts County v Wigan
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Norwich v Ipswich.
WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Final: North Ferriby v Guiseley.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

(11.0, 110 overs minimum)

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Hampshire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Sussex.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex.
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire.
TAUNTON: Somerset v Glamorgan.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Kent.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Lancashire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Warwickshire.

Other match

(11.30 to 6.30)

FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Derbyshire.

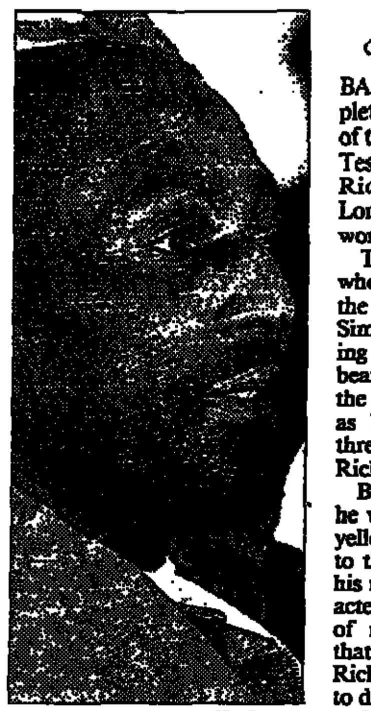
RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Swansea: Glamorgan v Surrey; Uppingham: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire; Shireoaks: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire; Hove: Sussex v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Scottish Provident League: Second round (Sheffield, 7.0)
DIVING: National championship (Plymouth)
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal Windsor horse show (Home Park)
REAL TENNIS: British professional singles championship (Holyport)
RUGBY LEAGUE: British Coal youth league: Grand Final: Oldham v York (at Oldham RLFC, 7.30)

SPORT

Shades of diplomacy in Richards's outlook



Richards: peace offering

By Alan Lee
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

BARELY a week after completing his central role in one of the most acrimonious of all Test match series, Vivian Richards sauntered into London yesterday spreading words of peace and goodwill.

The West Indies captain, whose barbed remarks about the Australia coach, Bobby Simpson, brought the simmering bad feeling in the Caribbean series to the boil, wore the benign smile of a diplomat as his team arrived for its three-month tour, the last in Richards's spectacular career.

Beneath the smile, however, he wore a suede jacket and a yellow T-shirt which, set next to the team blazer and tie of his manager and vice-captain, acted as just enough of a badge of rebellion to reassure all that, in his fortieth year, Richards is not quite prepared to discard his maverick image and embrace conventionality.

He was unusually bare-headed, both in being hatless and in having given his thinning hair a Hagler-like shave, and had discarded the dark glasses which caused a minor stir when he emerged to the usual snapping of cameras at Heathrow airport.

On being asked by photographers if he would remove his shades, he said he would, so long as they took their pictures standing on their heads. No business resulted.

This proud, prowling lion of a man was, however, in high good humour by the time he settled in his chair in the team's West End hotel and, if he spent a striking amount of time mopping perspiration from his face, this had more to do with the central heating on the first proper day of summer than with any display of the unchecked emotions which have periodically sullied his image.

Only once did Richards lapse into his proclamational mode, in which for greater emphasis he refers to himself in the third person. Only once did he become animated, and that was to insist that the sensitive issue of slow over-rates is not exclusively a West Indian problem.

The subject on everyone's minds, of course, was the damaging conduct, both on and off the field, which had overshadowed the West Indies' series with Australia.

It was plainly on Richards's mind, too, and he seemed anxious to get it off his chest. "I want to have a nice, peaceful tour," he began, reacting with a sparkle of those piercing eyes to the resultant rumble of laughter. "I want it to start and finish on a wonderful note, so that everyone can be happy. We are loving people," he added, somewhat obscurely, of his players.

If all this sounded a touch too evangelical for the occasion, Richards soon reverted to specifics. "The spirit has always been good when we have played England and I am sure that will not change.

"This is a place I enjoy because it is the best organised place, where you can play your cricket properly.

"Most of our guys are familiar with England and feel the same way."

The question of why West Indies had come without a specialist slow bowler was one he was happy, ironically, to deflect to his management team. Lance Gibbs, the manager, and David Holford, his assistant and a team selector, were both spin bowlers and won 103 caps between them; both keenly feel the dearth of their breed but, as Gibbs regretfully said: "Our best bowlers are the fast men, there is no getting away from it."

Richards also passed on a direct question about the atmosphere during the Australian series and Gibbs, having first offered a diplomatic dead-bat, could not resist the bait.

"I would prefer to leave that series behind," he began. "All that went on there is history now and I am looking forward to the spirit we always find in England."

Then, unprompted: "It was a hard and bitterly fought series. They tried to knock the crown off our heads and failed."

At this, there was a rhythmical tattoo beaten on the table by the knuckles of a smiling Richards.

"Their sledging was the worst thing because it is something that our fellows don't like at all," Holford added.

"It prevailed right through the series but it is something that doesn't happen in England."

What does happen in England, at least in recent times, is an embarrassing no-contest. The last five such series here have an aggregate score of 15-0 to the West Indies, and Richards was unmistakeably confident of prolonging the agony, even with a party of such longevity that up to six may be on their farewell tour.

"Our guys were magnificent against Australia, especially after they had been called has-beens and pensioners," he said, feelingly. "I am ready to stake my claim for being the winners here again.

"But if we lose, one must take defeat in a nice, gentlemanly way. We are here to set an example."

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WEST INDIES TOUR PARTY

	Age	Tests
I V A Richards (capt)	39	116
D L Haynes (vice-capt)	35	97
I B A Allen	25	–
C E L Ambrose	27	28
H A G Anthony	20	–
P J L Dujon	34	76
C G Greenidge	40	108
C L Hooper	24	27
B C Lara	22	1
A L Logie	30	48
M D Marshall	33	76
B P Patterson	29	23
R B Richardson	29	57
P V Simmons	28	2
C A Walsh	28	45
D Williams	27	–

ITINERARY:–May 12: Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI (Arundel); 14: Gloucestershire (Bristol); 15-17: Worcestershire (Worcester); 18-20: Middlesex (Lord's); 23: England (Texaco Trophy, Edgbaston); 25: England (Texaco Trophy, Old Trafford); 27: England (Texaco Trophy, Lord's); 29-31: Somerset or Surrey (Taunton or the Oval); June 1-3: Leicestershire (Leicester); 6-10: England (first Cornhill Test, Headingley); 12-14: Derbyshire or Lancashire (Derby or Southport); 15-17: Northamptonshire (Northampton); 20-24: England (second Cornhill Test, Lord's); 26-27: Oxford and Cambridge Universities (The Parks); 28: League Cricket Conference (Trowbridge); June 29-July 1: Hampshire (Southampton); 4-8: England (third Cornhill Test, Trent Bridge); 10-11: Minor Counties (Darlington); 13: Ireland (Downpatrick); 15: Wales (Brecon); 16-18: Glamorgan (Swansea); 20-22: Kent (Canterbury); 25-29: England (fourth Cornhill Test, Edgbaston); July 31-August 2: Nottinghamshire or Gloucestershire (Trent Bridge or Bristol); 3-5: Essex (Chelmsford); 8-12: England (fifth Cornhill Test, the Oval).

Clubs will face compensation claims if they switch

League is ready to fight FA's breakaway plan

By Peter Ball

THE Football League began its fightback against the Football Association's proposed breakaway Premier League yesterday by producing those classic incentives, a carrot and a stick. The management committee unanimously agreed that it would fight to preserve the integrity of the 92-club League.

To this end, the League will offer the 22 first division clubs financial incentives to stay within the League structure, but with some element of financial autonomy.

"We believe that we can put together proposals which all clubs in the first division will find advantageous," Arthur Sandford, the League's chief executive, said yesterday. "We have noted all that the FA said on Wednesday about the commercial advantages of their proposals, including a television deal, and we believe it can all be achieved within the structure of the Football League, albeit in altered form. And we can do it without the clear financial disadvantages of the FA's proposals."

Sandford, however, warned that the compensation the League would demand if clubs broke the League three-year notice requirement in order to join the FA's league for the 1992-3 season would be painful. The FA has insisted that this rule is not enforceable, but the League's legal advice suggests otherwise. The sums will be enormous, "globally we are talking millions," Sandford said.

The management committee's determination to fight cannot be doubted. Although Sir John Smith, of Liverpool, was absent, the other first division members of the committee – Robert Chase, of Norwich City, Doug Ellis, of Aston Villa, and Maxwell Holmes, of Leeds United – all supported the proposal to defend the League.

"The management committee have unanimously agreed that we shall be taking all possible steps to maintain at least a 92-club Football League," Stanford said. "We shall be taking all possible steps to encourage the FA to enter into meaningful dialogue. At the moment, the FA has said that it is only willing to discuss it if we at first accept the principle of the League, but that is not a position that we can accept."

☐ Twenty interested clubs were yesterday briefed by the Football Association at Villa Park on the requirements they would need to meet if they are provide one of the venues for the 1998 World Cup finals.

☐ Up to 4,000 Manchester United supporters thought to be planning to travel to next week's European Cup Winners' final in Rotterdam without match tickets may be prevented from entering The Netherlands.

Lenzi's high dive

Minneapolis (Reuter) – Mark Lenzi, of the United States, broke the world record, at the weekend, for the most points on a single dive from a 3-metre springboard at the Phillips 66 championships. He scored four tens on his last dive, a reverse three-and-a-half tuck, the highest degree of difficulty (3.5) in diving. He totalled 101.85pts on the dive, breaking Greg Louganis's record of 99.00, set in 1983.

Forde moves up

Hugh Forde, the former British super-featherweight boxing champion, makes his first appearance as a lightweight at Dudley Town Hall on May 14.

Aitken Irish final

The Newcastle United captain, Roy Aitken, has joined the Irish League football club, Glenavon, on loan until the end of the season and will be able to play for them in the Irish Cup final in a fortnight's time.

☐ Midnight Saga, trained by Mark Prescott, landed a gamble from 16-1 to 11-4 in the Bassenthwaite Handicap at Carlisle yesterday.

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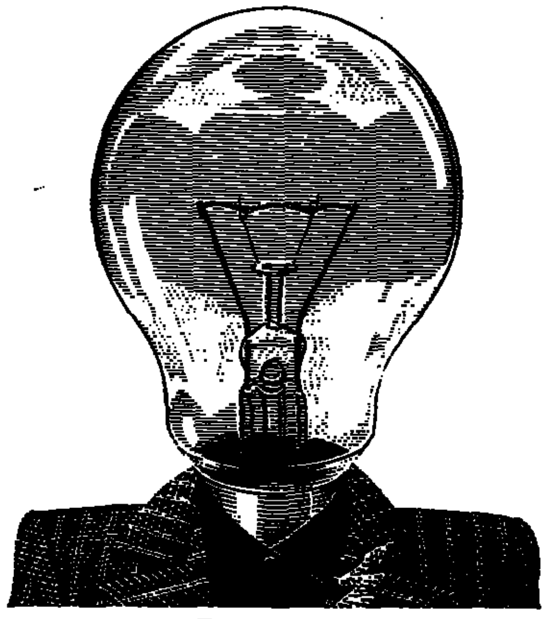

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IAN STEWART

A mighty blow: Botham swings Watkinson for six during his swashbuckling innings against Lancashire

Botham stakes claim for recall

By Alan Lee

IAN Botham may have left his greatest days in the 1980s but he retains an unerring sense of timing. He scored his first century of the season yesterday, even as West Indies flew into London and the England captain and manager met for preliminary talks on their selection policy for the summer.

Botham scored 104 for Worcestershire against Lancashire at New Road, an innings in adversity after the fall of four early wickets. Now, despite countless obituaries for his international career, he must be regarded as a serious candidate for inclusion in an under-strength England party, to be chosen next week, for the three Texaco Trophy one-day games against West Indies later this month.

The warrior of 97 Tests, 5,119 runs and 376 wickets has already issued his annual spring-time address, bemoaning the neglect of the selectors and claiming, with some justification, that they have failed to locate an all-rounder to touch him. Now, if he can convince them that his bowling is in similar order to his batting, and he already has one five-wicket analysis this season, he may have the chance to prove it.

Micky Stewart, the England team manager, was surprised and dismayed yesterday to learn that Chris Lewis, a possible successor to Botham, was yet again inactive through injury. With Angus Fraser, the team's steadiest bowler, already ruled out of the Texaco games, the bowling is alarmingly thin and Botham's huge experience, and ability to contain, must be considered.

Yesterday's century, scored from 115 balls with a six and 13 fours, was only his second in four championship seasons. Significantly, however, it included a stand of 106 with Graeme Hick, the Zimbabwean now qualified for England and certain to make an immediate debut. It may be a partnership to be resumed.

Champions struggle, page 38

Madrid sees return of magic

From Mitchell Platts
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
MADRID

SEVERIANO Ballesteros yesterday took the Peugeot Spanish golf open by the scruff of the neck with a first round of 63 here on the Club de Campo course, which must rank as one of the finest performances of his career.

He gathered seven birdies and one eagle to take a commanding five-shot lead ahead of Steven Bottomley, Vijay Singh, of Fiji, and Eduardo Romero, of Argentina.

Ballesteros, whose win in Japan last Sunday was his first in 14 months, started at the 10th, and holed putts of 33 feet at the 12th and 14 feet at the 14th for birdies.

Out in 32, he kept his score intact by getting up and down at both the 1st and 2nd. A pitch to within four feet brought another birdie at the 4th – his 13th – and he forged clear of the field with a marvellous eagle-birdie-birdie finish.

Ballesteros reached the 7th green with a prodigious drive with the new Dunlop metal driver which he obtained in Japan last week and a three-wood. The driver has only seven degrees of loft, compared to the nine degrees which is his norm.

It is on the greens, however, where Ballesteros has needed to restore his confidence. "I did not have one three-putt in Japan last week," Ballesteros said. "Today, I holed everything I looked at. I lost my confidence when I missed the short putt at the first hole of the play-off for the 1987 Masters. Now it is back. I had only twenty four putts today. There is no other way to shoot a 63. If you know of one, then please tell me."The impish homour, as one can sense, is back.

He remains cautious, stressing that one win in Japan and one round in his capital, is insufficient evidence to assume he will go on to win this week and to add to his five major championship triumphs. It was the only thing Ballesteros got wrong on a glorious day. There is no need for caution.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 63: S Ballesteros (Sp). 68: S Bottomley, E Romero (Arg), V Singh (Fiji). 69: M Miller, B Langer (Ger). 70: R Karlsson (Swe), G J Turner (NZ), M McNulty (Zim), P Way, J Davila (Sp), R Davis (Aus), G Day (US), D Williams. 71: M Davis, M Farry (Fr), P Hedblom (Swe), D A Russell, J Coceres (Arg), J Townsend (US), M Calero (Sp), M Pinero (Sp), P-U Johansson (Swe), D Ray. 72: E O'Connell, R McFarlane, S Hamill, A Saavedra (Arg), G Ralph, K Jones, A Bossert (Swi), A Garrido (Sp), M James, D Stirling, M Hoegberg (Swe), J Parnevik (Swe), R Boxall, I Gervas (Sp), O Edmond (Fr), T Levet (Fr). 73: E Dussart (Fr), C Williams, J Haggerty, P Price, G Brand Jnr, J Anglada (Sp), D Smyth, J-M Olazabal (Sp), C Montgomerie, M Jimenez, A Forsbrand (Swe), C Rocca (It), T Johnstone (Zim), C Mason, M McLean, B Barnes, N Faldo, J-M Canizares (Sp).

Stewards uphold Sandown verdict

By Richard Evans

CAHERVILLAHOW yesterday lost an appeal against disqualification in last month's Whitbread Gold Cup after one of the most painstakingly detailed hearings in Jockey Club history.

The three Portman Square stewards went to the extent of examining scale drawings of the Sandown Park hill, and took evidence from a land surveyor, before backing the local stewards' decision to promote Docklands Express to first place.

The disciplinary committee, watched video recordings of the race from head-on, side-on and behind, and, most significantly, viewed Channel 4 coverage of the finish from the inside of the course, which was not available to the Sandown stewards.

"Having considered the evidence the committee found that, after jumping the final fence, Cahervillahow had veered towards his right, causing interference to Docklands Express. The committee considered the interference to be accidental but to have improved Cahervillahow's placing. They therefore dismissed the appeal and confirmed the placings of Docklands Express first and Cahervillahow second," the Jockey Club statement said.

Kim Bailey, trainer of Docklands Express, emerged from the three-and-a-half hour hearing to say: "It was a brave decision and a very fair decision. There was undoubtedly interference and the Channel 4 video does show that Docklands Express gets his knee kicked by Cahervillahow."

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Troke in line for a medal

COPENHAGEN – Helen Troke a world badminton bronze medal-winner eight years ago, came within one victory of another medal when a hard-earned 11-5, 4-11, 11-7 victory over the Malaysian, Lee Wai Leng, took her to the quarter-finals of the world championships yesterday (Richard Eaton writes).

Troke finished with a thigh strain which could hinder her prospects today against Sarwendah Kusumawardhani, the World Cup winner from Indonesia. But Troke is nothing if not a fighter, as she showed after having her request for a change of shuttles rejected in the second game.

Darren Hall, England's other former European champion, went down to a surprise 15-3, 15-3 loss to Andrei Antropov.

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Senna surges to record time

From Norman Howell in Monaco

AYRTON Senna drove another masterful fast lap here yesterday, obliterating the record time he set last year and taking the provisional overnight pole position for the Monaco Formula One grand prix on Sunday.

The only driver able to keep in touch with the Brazilian, albeit the best part of a second slower, was Gerhard Berger, who was driving the second, less powerful McLaren-Honda. Behind the world champion and his Austrian team-mate, Riccardo Patrese led the chase.

Nigel Mansell did not have a good day. The overcast sky and the blustery weather might have made him feel as if he was on the Isle of Man, where he lives, but, by the end of the official qualifying session, his Williams was sandwiched in eighth place between the two Dallaras of J. J. Lehto and Emanuele Pirro.

Martin Brundle also had his problems. He was disqualified for ignoring a red light in the pits.

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, A Senna (Br), McLaren, 1min 20.508sec (av speed 149.815kph); 2, G Berger (Austria), McLaren, 1:21.222; 3, R Patrese (It), Williams, 1:22.057; 4, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 1:22.113; 5, N Piquet (Br), Benetton, 1:22.818; 6, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:22.986; 7, J J Lehto (Fin), Dallara, 1:23.028; 8, N Mansell (GB), Williams, 1:23.274; 9, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 1:23.311; 10, S Modena (It), Tyrrell, 1:23.442; 11, R Moreno (Br), Benetton, 1:23.476; 12, P Martini (It), Minardi, 1:24.101; 13, A de Cesaris (It), Jordan, 1:24.257; 14, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell, 1:24.435; 15, G Morbidelli (It), Minardi, 1:24.481; 16, B Gachot (Bel), Jordan, 1:24.540; 17, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 1:24.720; 18, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, 1:24.747; 19, M Hakkinen (Fin), Lotus, 1:24.868; 20, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton House, 1:24.920; 21, I Capelli (It), Leyton House, 1:25.040; 22, G Tarquini (It), AGS, 1:25.028; 23, E Bernard (Fr), Lola, 1:25.370; 24, M Blundell (GB), Brabham, 1:25.500; 25, A Suzuki (Japan), Lola, 1:26.380; 26, M Alboreto (It), Footwork, 1:27.843; 27, F Barbazza (It), AGS, 1:28.060; 28, J Bailey (GB), Lotus, 1:28.510. Did not run: A Caffi (It), Footwork. Disqualified: M Brundle (GB), Brabham.

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